

**Town of Hanson**  
**542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341**

## **May 2007 Annual Town Meeting**

Annual Town Meeting  
May 7, 2007

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with Patricia Rich, Robert Hayes and Stephen Amico appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was John Goldrosen from the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of deceased town officials Frances S. Curry, Walter "Ike" Estes, Shirley L. Godfrey, Henry E. Howland, Harold R. Ibbitson, Sr., Walter V. Kay, Michael J. Regan, Georgina Dias, and George Archer. A moment of silence was also held for U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. William J. Callahan, a graduate of Whitman-Hanson Regional High School, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

Town Moderator Charles W. Mann recognized retiring Fire Chief Allen Hoyt who introduced Hanson Middle School student Brandon Lever who designed a winning Fire Safety poster and is a finalist in the Plymouth County Fire Safety poster contest.

The Town's newly appointed Fire Chief Jerome "Jerry" A. Thompson, Jr. was introduced to the Town Meeting by retiring Fire Chief Allen Hoyt.

A quorum was declared present with 143 voters in attendance.

The meeting was recessed at 7:36 p.m. to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

**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 **2006** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2008 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.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2008 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$521,659.00 from the Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account for the purpose of making debt payments on debt issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District, which debt was authorized by Article 34 of the May 2002 Annual Town Meeting and subsequent debt exclusion vote on May 18, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This account is used to pay temporary borrowing for the new high school project.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$521,659.00 from the Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account for the purpose of making debt payments on debt issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District, which debt was authorized by Article 34 of the May 2002 Annual Town Meeting and subsequent debt exclusion vote on May 18, 2002.**

**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>FY07</b>	<b>FY08</b>
Moderator	382.00	382.00

Selectmen

Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

Town Clerk	53,560.00	55,166.00
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Tree Warden	2,472.00	2,546.00
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Assessors

Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

Highway Surveyor	65,023.00	66,973.00
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Water Commissioners

Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

Board of Health

Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

Planning Board

Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

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.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to fix the Salary and compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To determine what sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, and Stabilization Fund to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2008 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2008 Annual Budget Lines

**VOTED Aye unanimous the following FY 2008 Budget Appropriations**  
(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)

**FY 2008**

**FIXED COSTS**

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$	148,499	
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion		28,000	
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt		76,575	
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion		107,983	
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement		574,138	
		89,095	Free Cash
		50,114	Stabilization
			43,119 Overlay Surplus
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits		1,218,595	
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance		224,836	
8. 913-5173 Unemployment		<u>15,360</u>	

**TOTAL FIXED COSTS** **2,576,314**

**TOWN SERVICES**

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	45,000
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	49,822
11. 122-5432 Printing	6,000
12 155-5303 Computer	61,000
13 155-5341 Postage	25,000
	1,000 Ambulance

Fee Fund

14. 151-5301 Legal	80,000
15. 122-5271 Copier Supplies	13,500
16. 155-5300 Engineering	4,000
16A155-5302 Demolition	0
16B155-5313 Harvester	1,500
17. 155-5310 Town Audit	<u>23,500</u>

**TOTAL TOWN SERVICES 310,322**

**MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS**

18. 197-5201 Utilities	185,000
19. 192-5113 Town Hall Custodian	74,930
20. 192-5201 Town Hall Expenses	19,760
21. 210-5795 Police Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	9,630
22. 220-5795 Fire Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	7,500
23. 541-5116 Elder Affairs Custodian	0
24. 541-5795 Eld. Aff. Bldg. Mainten.	0
25. 610-5116 Library Custodian	0
26. 610-5795 Library Bldg. Mainten.	<u>0</u>

**TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS 296,820**

**TOWN GOVERNMENT**

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages	382	
28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages	7,813	
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages	42,947	
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	586,893	
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	7,000	
32. 124-5112 Town Administrator Wages	87,550	
33. 124-5201 Town Administrator Expenses	1,500	
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,800	
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	61,800	
35A135-5112 Interim Wages	0	
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	1,050	
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	4,927	
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	66,832	
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	9,077	
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	58,849	
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification	1,000	
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses	7,735	
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges	2,000	
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages	55,167	
44a 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	1,000	
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	4,576	
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	5,382	
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	6,300	
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	7,700	
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	2,200	
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	4,000	Notice of Intent Fund
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	26,780	20,000 Notice of Intent Fund
52. 172-5201 Conservation Agent Expenses	0	
52A175-5113 Planning Board Wages	7,813	
53. 175-5201 Planning Board Expenses	3,325	
54. 176-5201 Appeals Board Expenses	800	

55. 186-5112 Town Planner Wages	67,738
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses	0
56A186-5118Town Planner Stipend	2,000
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages	59,090
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages	1,102
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense	4,037
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages	5,085
61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses	850
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages	6,249
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses	975
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages	2,814
65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses	450
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	22,432
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,400
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	25,054
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	1,800
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	2,546
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	3,000
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	39,114
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	1,250
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	275,475
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	4,927
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	56,094
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	7,138
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	4,500
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	44,965
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	37,938
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	13,850
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	10,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	12,472
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	7,097
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	1,400
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	15,000
86A548-5790 Patriotic Observance	1,000
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,500
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	47,272
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	50,427
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	76,566
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	30,256
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	10,000
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>

**TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT** **2,049,461**

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS**

**HIGHWAY**

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	66,974
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages	309,780
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	27,650
94A420-5850 Loader Lease Payment	0
95. 420-5210 Town Gasoline	100,000
96 420-5840 Highway Road Repair & Drain.	21,000
97. 420-5292 Highway Snow Operation	75,000
98. 420-5532 Street Signs & Lines	14,000
99. 420-5533 Street Sweeping	<u>22,000</u>

**SUB-TOTAL** **636,404**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages 89,534  
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages 1,374,638  
101A. 210-5113 Other Wagers-Quinn Bill 92,506  
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses 88,500

**SUB-TOTAL** **1,645,178**

103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers 260,269  
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses 25,000

**SUB-TOTAL** **285,269**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages 80,744  
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages 941,021  
212,000 Ambulance Fee Fund  
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages 41,363  
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense 69,085  
108A220-5850 Equipment Outlay 2,000  
108B220-5850 Lease Purchase 0  
108C Fire Safety Instruction 6,500  
**SUB-TOTAL** **1,352,713**

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY** **3,919,564**

**EDUCATION**

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech 488,580  
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp. 109,386  
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing 87,415  
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int. 456,548  
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional 6,372,453

**TOTAL EDUCATION** **7,514,382**

**SUB-TOTAL** **16,666,863**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages 7,813  
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent 62,073  
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages 237,922  
117. 450-5114 Water Dept. Clerical 9,320  
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses 505,102  
118A 450-5307 Water Legal 50,000  
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest 333,613  
**TOTAL** **1,205,843**

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$17,872,706**

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**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund to the General Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This fund will be used to pay the administrative costs of the Septic Loan Program in accordance with the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$18,000.00 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund to the General Fund.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust special revenue fund to the general fund maturing debt principal line or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Accountant and Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:**~ This money is needed to pay down the debt that is due to the MWPAT

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund to the general fund maturing debt principal line.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from free cash, ambulance receipts and/or stabilization fund the sum of \$33,000.00 to fund the second of five payments for the new ambulance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief.

**Explanation:** The article is self-explanatory. It is second of five payments for the new ambulance.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from ambulance receipts the sum of \$33,000.00 to fund the second of five payments for the new ambulance.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Capital Improvement Program as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This article accepts the six-year capital improvement plan and matrix submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to approve the Capital Improvement Program as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Capital Improvement Committee.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash and/or transfer from the stabilization Fund a sum of money to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This article sets up the funding for the Capital Improvement Articles. This article is presented every

year.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Free Cash \$110,605.00 to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment of the Lease Purchase Agreement for Fire Department equipment repairs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** To complete payment on improvements previously funded by a lease/purchase agreement approved at a previous Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$77,300.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment of the Lease Purchase Agreement for Fire Department equipment repairs.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment on the Michigan Front End Loader for the Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** To complete payment on a lease/purchase agreement approved at a previous Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$33,305.00 from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment on the Michigan Front End Loader for the Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** There is a federal mandate to have all emergency response teams on the same frequency by early 2008. The Police Department's existing equipment cannot operate on the designated frequency and cannot be retrofitted to do so.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

**VOTED Aye to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the replacement of windows at the Liberty Street Fire Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** Windows are in need of replacement to reduce the energy use of the building.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to remodel the kitchen at Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The kitchen is in bad repair and is an obstacle to securing rentals requiring better kitchen facilities.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Article 30 of the October 2001 Special Town Meeting and/or free cash a sum of money to conduct a survey of the needs of the Maquan School and the adjoining property for the purpose of making future improvements and/or repairs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator and  
the School Superintendent

**Explanation:** The Maquan School needs significant repairs. In order to establish an accurate cost, an assessment study must be conducted.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$21,300.00 from Free Cash and transfer \$3,700.00 from Article 30 of the October 2001 Special Town Meeting to conduct a survey of the needs of the Maquan School and the adjoining property for the purpose of making future improvements and/or repairs.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the amounts of funding for STAP (Senior Tax Abatement Program) under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law 59, Section K or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** May 2003 Special Town Meeting accepted MGL. Ch. 59, Section K, which provides residents over 60 years of age to volunteer their services to the municipality in exchange for a reduction of their tax bills. Seniors may earn a maximum reduction of \$500.00 per fiscal year, based on a rate per hour of services that cannot exceed the Commonwealth minimum wage. At the time, the total amount would not exceed \$10,000, which would be paid from the overlay account. The program has grown in popularity and the Board Assessors recommend increasing the amount to \$15,000.00. These funds would be paid from the overlay account.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to increase the amount of funding for STAP, senior tax abatement program under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 5K.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$180,000.00, in addition to the \$4,800,000.00 previously appropriated, for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police station, including all costs incidental or directly related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen  
and Police Station Building Committee

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article. These funds were voted and approved at the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting. However, the Bonding Company requires very specific language in the motion as it relates to Massachusetts General Laws. The previous motion did not include the language. Consequently the article must be re-voted.

Finance Committee recommends.

Capital Improvement Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous that \$180,000.00 is appropriated, in addition to the \$4,800,000.00 previously appropriated, for constructing , originally equipping and furnishing a new police station, including all costs incidental or directly related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$180,000.00 under G.L. c44, Sec. 7(3) or any other enabling authority; that notwithstanding Section 1B of Article 2-0 of the Town by-laws, any unexpended/unencumbered balances related to this appropriation shall remain available for this project until the project has been completed; and the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005, which reads as follows: ‘Section 1 [of the Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003] shall expire on September 11, 2008.~ Sections 2 and 3 shall expire on September 11, 2005’ or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veterans’ Agent

**Explanation:** This amendment extends the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 which reads “An employee eligible under this section shall be paid his regular base salary as a public employee for each pay period of military leave of absences after September 11, 2001, reduced by any amount received from the United States as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period. For purposes of this section, base pay shall not include any allowances, overtime pay, shift differential pay, hazardous duty pay or any other additional compensation received for military services.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to accept Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005, which reads as follows: ‘Section 1 [of the Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003] shall expire on September 11, 2008.~ Sections 2 and 3 shall expire on September 11, 2005.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign an inter-municipal agreement for regional cooperation in the provision of solid waste and recycling services by the south shore recycling cooperative, and to see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of section 419 of chapter 194 of the acts of 1998; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Health  
Recycling Committee

**Explanation:** Membership would take Hanson to the next level in recycling and solid waste disposal. Hanson needs to further its efforts in managing solid waste and recycling. Membership in the cooperative would help the town to improve the cost-effectiveness of its recycling efforts. Hanson would receive assistance in diverting waste materials from the waste stream. As a member, Hanson would have access to various contracts. The membership fee of \$4,000 will be paid from the Disposal Area expenses - Hazardous Waste Day line.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign an inter-municipal agreement for regional cooperation in the provision of solid waste and recycling services by the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, and to see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of section 419 of chapter 194 of the acts of 1998.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the town will authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hanson Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which are available to conduct a feasibility study to examine the options for expanding and renovating its current library building, or building a new facility or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

**Explanation:** The Board of Library Trustees and the Library Director are in the process of applying for a \$40,000 Planning and Design Grant provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to examine the options for

expanding and renovating its current library building. The town is obligated to match the funds with \$20,000, which the Trustees voted to take out of Library Trust funds. No town-appropriated funds are requested for the implementation of this grant.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hanson Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which are available to conduct a feasibility study to examine the options for expanding and renovating its current library building, or building a new facility.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To ask the Town of Hanson to vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Shawn Nickerson and 15 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye voice to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the use by the Hanson Board of Assessors, such funds to be used for the purchase and maintenance of maps including GIS. The receipts generated through the sale of these maps shall be credited to the revolving account. The Board of Assessors authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$1,500. Expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** To purchase and maintain maps including GIS and to help defray the cost of providing updated assessors maps to various Town Departments.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, s53 E ½ for the purpose of Hanson Public Library operations including purchase, repair and maintenance of the copy machine(s), equipment and copy machine(s) supplies, printers and printing supplies, and the replacement of lost and damaged library materials. The following receipts generated shall be credited to the fund: Receipts from charges to the public for the use of the copy machine(s) and fines and fees charged for lost, damaged and overdue library materials.

The Board of Library Trustees is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44s53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$5,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

**Explanation:** This is the annual revolving account article. The receipts generated from copies, fines and fees for the purchase, repair and maintenance of the copy machine(s), equipment and copy machine(s) supplies, printers and printing supplies, and the replacement of lost and damaged library materials.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 24 as written in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for the use of Hanson Senior Center/Library operations to include repairs, maintenance of the facility, purchases, repairs and maintenance of equipment, additional utility expenses, janitorial and staff reimbursement. The following receipts generated shall be credited to the fund:

Receipts from deposit and hourly use charges imposed upon any group or individual that has with prior approval agreed to the use and fee regulations as set forth by the Director Elder Affairs and the Board of Library Trustees.

The Director of Elder Affairs or the Board of Library Trustees is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$3,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Library Board of Trustees  
And the Council of Elder Affairs

**Explanation:** This article will allow money that is received from the deposits and use fees charged other groups and individuals for the use of the Senior Center/Library facilities, to be used for the purchase, repair and maintenance of equipments, additional utility expense and janitorial service.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 25 as written in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use by the Parks and Fields Commission for the sport programs including maintenance and equipment. The receipts credited to the fund shall be those generated through a recycling program at the Hanson Transfer Station. The Parks and Fields Commission is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Parks and Fields Commission

**Explanation:** This article is voted every year. The article provides the Parks and Fields Commission the ability to generate funds through a recycling program. The funds are used for the sports programs.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 26 as written in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund further installation of water mains town wide or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

**Explanation** This will be an addition of a new water main which will connect Franklin Street to Main Street which will result in improved fire flows in the western portion of the distribution system, improve water quality, and provide an alternate path for water flow exiting the Crystal Spring wellfield site.

Finance Committee

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$300,000.00 from Water Surplus to fund further installation of water mains town wide**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund the Meter Replacement Program or take any other action in relation there.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

**Explanation** This article will continue our program of replacing old water meters and supplying new accounts.

Finance Committee

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$25,000.00 from Water Surplus to fund the Meter Replacement Program**

**ARTICLE 29:** To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, a Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Town Clerk for three years, a Highway Surveyor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for two years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, a Tree Warden for three years, two Trustees of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, and two Water Commissioners for three years.

**SEE: Town Election May 19, 2007**

**VOTED Aye, voice at 9:10 p.m. to recess until Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 29 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.**

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC  
Town Clerk