

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2008 Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting
May 5, 2008

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with Robert Hayes, Michael Glennon and Terence McSweeney 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 George R. Archer, Patricia A. Bailey, John J Balukonis, Paul Cameron, Georgina Dias, Roy N. Hammond, Kenneth McKenzie, John A. Vitale, Glenn Terrell, Father Francis Crowley and Alton Smith.

A quorum was declared present with 180 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 7:47 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 **2007** Town Report.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, and Special Committees.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2009 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, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2009 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$507,975.00 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, voice to transfer \$507,975.00 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:

	FY08	FY09
Moderator	382.00	382.00

Selectmen

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

Town Clerk	55,166.00	56,820.00
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Tree Warden	2,546.00	\$2,632.00
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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	66,973.00	68,983.00
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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.

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 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 **2009 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2009 Annual Budget Lines

VOTED Aye, voice the following FY 2009 Budget Appropriations

(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)

The following lines were amended on the floor:

Line 21 was amended for an increase of \$6,230 by a voice vote to \$22,230

Line 91 was amended for an increase of \$7,000 by a voice vote to \$38,012

Lines 29,32,35,38,40,44,51,55,57,76,79,83,88,92,100,105,and 115 were amended and increased to the Town Administrators recommended figures by a vote of Aye 98, Nay 63

The floor amendment to Line 113 for an increase of \$67,000 from Stabilization was defeated by a vote of Aye 41, Nay 114.

FY 2009

FIXED COSTS

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$ 118,733	
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion	254,000	
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt	53,169	
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion	171,699	
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement	606,334	
	167,054 Free Cash	
	62,534 Overlay	
		Surplus
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits	1,240,000	
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance	229,836	
8. 913-5173 Unemployment	<u>15,360</u>	
TOTAL FIXED COSTS	2,918,719	

TOWN SERVICES

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	50,000
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	63,500
11. 122-5432 Printing	6,000
12 155-5303 Computer Services	81,000
13 155-5341 Postage	26,000
14. 151-5301 Legal	80,000
15. 122-5271 Town Hall Copier Lease/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**349,000****MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS**

18. 197-5201 Utilities	215,000
19. 192-5113 Town Buildings Custodial Wages	74,930
20. 192-5201 Town Hall Expenses	19,760
21. 210-5795 Police Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	22,230
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**339,420****TOWN GOVERNMENT**

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages	382
28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages	7,813
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages	44,235
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	586,893
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	9,500
32. 124-5112 Town Administrator Wages	90,176
33. 124-5201 Town Administrator Expenses	1,000
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,500
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	63,654
35A135-5112 Interim Wages	0
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	1,580
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	4,927
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	68,827
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	8,966
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	63,654
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification	1,000
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses	7,680
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges	2,000
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages	56,820
44A 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	1,000
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	4,551
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	8,713
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	9,910
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	7,700
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	2,200
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	4,140
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	48,183
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	69,770
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses	0
56A186-5118Town Planner Stipend	2,000
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages	58,801
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages	1,130
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense	4,000
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages	5,212
61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses	500
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages	6,405
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses	600
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages	2,884

65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses	400
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	22,993
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,375
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	25,680
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	1,300
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	2,609
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	3,500
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	39,114
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	1,000
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	210,475
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	4,927
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	57,776
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	6,000
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	4,500
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	46,313
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	37,417
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	13,850
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	10,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	12,846
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	7,274
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	2,500
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	20,000
86A548-5790 Patriotic Observance	1,000
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,500
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	51,780
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	54,569
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	78,448
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	38,012
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	10,000
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>

TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT 2,037,802

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	68,983
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages	309,780
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	26,950
94A420-5850 Lease Payments	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>24,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL 639,713

POLICE DEPARTMENT

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	92,220
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages	1,381,611
101A. 210-5113 Other Wages-Quinn Bill	92,906
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	<u>85,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL 1,651,737

103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers	245,269
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses	<u>24,400</u>

SUB-TOTAL	269,669
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages	83,166	
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages	883,021	
		290,000 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	33,020	
108C220-5525 Fire Safety	<u>6,500</u>	
SUB-TOTAL	1,408,155	

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	3,969,274
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EDUCATION

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech	517,102
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp.	56,441
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing	108,574
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int.	123,210
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional	<u>6,630,430</u>

TOTAL EDUCATION	7,435,757
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SUB-TOTAL	17,049,972
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WATER DEPARTMENT

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages	7,813
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent	63,935
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages	248,156
117. 450-5114 Water Dept Reimburse to Town	102,095
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses	500,479
118A 450-5307 Water Legal	25,000
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest	<u>362,845</u>

TOTAL	1,310,323
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GRAND TOTAL	\$18,360,295
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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Title V Special Revenue 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. \$19,000.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer a sum of \$19,000.00 from the Title V Special Revenue 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. \$50,000 Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer a sum of \$50,000.00 from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust special revenue fund to the general fund maturing debt principal line.

ARTICLE 8: 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.

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

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from free cash or stabilization the sum of \$5,000 for the installation of a key card security system at the Liberty Street Fire Headquarters or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief.

Explanation: These funds will be used to install a key card security system. This system will secure the building and allow authorized personnel to access restricted areas with the current Fire Department Identification Card.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 9.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund preparation of a Water System Master Plan for the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: A Water System Master Plan will provide a comprehensive overview of Hanson's water system, including, but not limited to, distribution, storage, supply and existing/future demand. This information will be incorporated into a long-term Capital Improvement Plan that prioritizes specific projects with corresponding budgets.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$30,000.00 from Water Surplus to fund the preparation of a Water System Master Plan for the Water Department .

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from Water Surplus to fund meter replacements and related meter equipment for the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commission

Explanation: This is our yearly article to replace, update; and in all ways improve the operation of our meter reading

program.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000 from Water Department Surplus for the meter replacement program.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000 from water surplus to purchase a Skid Steer for the use of the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commission

Explanation: This machine will afford flexibility in moving materials during work on the system.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$40,000 from water surplus to purchase a Skid Steer loader for the Water Department

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to allow an increase in the exemption amount granted to certain elderly taxpayers as allowed in MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41D, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: Currently, certain elderly taxpayers are granted a \$750.00 annual exemption from property taxes, if they meet certain income and asset limits. An annual exemption of \$1,000.00 is proposed. The additional monies will be funded from the Overlay Account.

There will be no additional reimbursement from the Commonwealth, if this increase is adopted.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice Article 13 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a five year extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement relative to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, effective July 1, 2008 or taken any other action thereto

Proposed by: Board of Selectmen
Board of Health
Recycling Committee

Explanation: In accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 4A, each member town must accept reauthorization of this agreement every 5 years.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a five year extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement relative to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, effective July 1.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to allow the Parks and Fields Commission to construct a third baseball field on the land southwest of the existing Boteri Field, as shown on Map 71, lot 11A of the Town of Hanson Assessors Map or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Parks and Fields Commission

Explanation: Requesting permission on the feasibility and availability of constructing a third baseball field to complete a complex that is required for the large numbers of the youth playing baseball, today and the future. No funds are requested at this time.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to allow the Parks and Fields Commission to construct a third baseball field on the Hanson Town Forest land southwest of the existing Boteri Fields, as shown on Map 71, lot 11A of the Town of Hanson Assessors Map.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws Article 2-12, **Classification and Compensation - Index** by deleting the words “Clerical Contract” and in their place inserting the words “Administrative Professionals Contract” or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Explanation: This is a housekeeping item to correctly identify the Union.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the General Bylaws Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation - Index by deleting the words “Clerical Contract” and in their place inserting the words “Administrative Professionals Contract”.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws Article 2-12, **Classification and Compensation** Section 16 – Clerical Contract by deleting the words “Clerical Contract” and in their place inserting the words “Administrative Professionals Contract” or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Explanation: This is a housekeeping item to correctly identify the Union.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the General Bylaws Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation Section 16 – Clerical Contract by deleting the words “Clerical Contract” and in their place inserting the words “Administrative Professionals Contract”.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, §5, to amend the Town Bylaws to adopt a new general bylaw creating a Community Preservation Committee to read as follows:

[Insert the numbering of this bylaw]

**Hanson Community Preservation
Committee (CPC) Bylaw**

Section 1: Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee (Committee), consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the Committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the Committee members shall be as follows:

One member of the Conservation Commission, as designated by the Commission, for an initial term of two (2) years and then a term of three years thereafter.

One member of the Historical Commission, as designated by the Commission, for an initial term of one (1) year and then a term of three years thereafter.

One member of the Planning Board, as designated by the Board, for an initial term of one (1) year and then a term of three years thereafter.

One member of the Parks and Fields Commission, as designated by the Commission, for an initial term of two (2) years and then a term of three years thereafter.

One member of the Housing Authority, as designated by the Authority, for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years.

Four (4) At Large members appointed by the Board Selectmen, for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a terms of one, two and three years respectively.

Notwithstanding the terms of office set forth above, in the event that a person no longer serves in the position or on the Commissions, Boards, Authorities or Committees designated above, such person shall be deemed to have vacated his or her position on the Community Preservation Committee.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards, Authorities, or Committees who have appointment authority under this Section be no longer in existence for whatever reason, if a successor Commission, Board, Authority or Committee is created, the appointment authority shall remain with the successor, but if no successor Commission, Board, Authority or Committee is created, , the appointment authority for that Commission, Board, Authority or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

Any member of the Committee may be removed for cause by their respective appointing authority after hearing.

Section 2: Duties

(1). The Committee shall study the needs, possibilities, and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall meet monthly, notice of which shall be posted publicly as required . The Committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Parks and Fields Commission and the Housing Authority, or boards acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold an annual public informational hearing, and may hold such additional public information hearings as it deems appropriate, on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources prior to the annual Town Meeting, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town.

(2). The Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

(3). The Committee may include, in its recommendation to the Town Meeting, a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or to set aside for later spending for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

(4). In every fiscal year, the Committee must recommend either that the Town Meeting spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for:

- (a) Open space (not including land for recreational use);
- (b) Historic resources; and
- (c) Community Housing

As provided in the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, no expenditures shall be made from the Community Preservation Fund without the approval of Town Meeting.

The Committee will submit an annual administrative and operating budget for itself, which cannot exceed five percent (5%) of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund, to Town Meeting for approval.

Section 3: Requirement for a Quorum and Cost Estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Section 4: Amendments

This Section may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not cause a conflict to occur with MGL, Chapter 44B.

Section 5: Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures

After public notice and public hearing the Committee may promulgate rules, regulations, policies and procedures to achieve the purpose of this by-law. Failure by the Community Preservation Committee to promulgate such rules, regulations, policies and procedures or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this by-law.

Section 6: Annual Community Preservation Plan

Annually, the Committee shall produce a Community Preservation Plan. The Plan shall be published and available to any interested resident and be on file at the Town Hall. The Plan shall describe the community's preservation needs and goals for the year in the following categories: open space, historical preservation, community housing and recreation. The plan shall also include a budget and selection criteria for proposed projects as well as an assessment of achievements with respect to the previous year's goals.

Section 7: Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this Section is for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 8: Effective Date

Provided that the Community Preservation Act is accepted at the 2008 Annual Town Election, this Bylaw shall take effect upon approval of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and after all the requirements of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 32 have been met. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make its initial appointment.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: If the Town accepts the CPA, then a committee must be created to administer the fund, set priorities, make recommendations and manage projects that use CPA funds. The alternative to structuring the Committee now will be to wait until Town Meeting scheduled for the Spring of 2009. No work could be undertaken under the CPA until then. If the CPA is not passed by ballot then this proposed by-law shall become null and void.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, s5, to amend the Town Bylaws to adopt a new general bylaw Article 2-20 creating a community Preservation Committee as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to name the 65+/- acre open space parcel along the Indian Head Brook Corridor with access from State Street, Old Pine Drive and Puritan Drive (Assessor's Map 112, Parcel 14, Map 105 Parcels 1,2,and 5) the **Webster - Billings Conservation Area.**

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Hanson Conservation Commission

Explanation: The Town of Hanson has already recognized several of its past Conservation Leaders in the naming of the 100 acre Smith-Nawazelski Conservation Area as well as the 57 acre Brian Gaffey Conservation Area. Dana Billings was a past member and Chairman of the Commission and served in many other community roles e.g. Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 111, Cub master of Pack 35, Auxiliary Police Officer and more. Norma Billings has been active in numerous civic endeavors over the years. Mr. & Mrs. Billings were and are still are public spirited, conservation minded and well respected throughout the community. As leaders and parents they have taught their children and grandchildren to respect and protect our natural resources and encouraged others to do the same through scouting and municipal conservation programs. The Billings family still makes their home on Elm Place near this particular conservation area. Susan K Webster was responsible for the Town

Meeting accepting the above property for open space and conservation. She drafted the Article for the Town Warrant and made the presentation to the Town Meeting. In addition she served as the vice chair person for the bi-centennial committee and on the Hanson Planning Board.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to name the 65+/- acre open space parcel along the Indian Head Brook Corridor with access from State Street, Old Pine Drive and Puritan Drive (Assessor's Map 112, Parcel 14, Map 105 Parcels 1,2,and 5) the Webster - Billings Conservation Area.

ARTICLE 20: To see of the Town will vote to hear the report and support the renovations to the Maquan School and allow the project to be submitted to School Building Assistance for review or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Maquan School
Feasibility Study Committee

Explanation: This article only authorizes the School Committee to request SBA review of feasibility of the project. Funding is not being requested at this time.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice Article 20 as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 21: To see of 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 generate through over the counter 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, voice Article 21 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 22: 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, voice Article 22 as printed in the warrant.

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 53 E ½ for the purpose of the 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 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$5000.00. 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 article is voted every year. This is the Revolving Fund.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to accept Article 23 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 24: 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 Council for Elder Affairs and the Board of Library Trustees.

The Council for 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 \$3000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excel 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 is voted every year. This is the Revolving Fund for the community room at the Senior Center.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to accept Article 24 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 25 : To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the continuation of the revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53 for the Hanson Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis. The receipts generated from Supportive Care Program shall be credited to the revolving account. The Director of Elder Affairs is authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$105,000 or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Council on Aging

Explanation: To cover the costs of the Supportive Care Program including staffing and materials.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to approve and authorize the continuation of the revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as written in the warrant.

ARTICLE 26: To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, two Selectmen for one year, 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, a member of the Housing Authority for one year, two 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, one Water Commissioner for three years and one question.

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Hanson accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act.~ In Hanson, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2009, by an additional surcharge of one and one half (1.5%) percent on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state.~ The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.~ A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds.~ Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended.~ All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit

VOTED Aye, voice at 10:21 p.m. to recess until Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 26 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