

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Special Town Meeting - March 4, 1991

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Moderator Michael J. Regan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Memorial Auditorium, Indian Head School.

The invocation was given by Rev. Phil Jackson of the First Congregational Church and the National Anthem was sung by the meeting body.

Tellers appointed and sworn were Frank Romano, Joseph O'Sullivan and David Soper.

Town Counsel was Everett Marder of Kopelman and Paige.

The Chair declared a unanimous vote to waive the reading of the warrant.

The Chair declared a quorum of 100 to be present.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2500 from available Free Cash or Article 5, Line 6 Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting Line to pay an unpaid bill regarding insurance deductible or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$2500.00 from Article 5, line 6, Unemployment, from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to pay an unpaid insurance bill for a prior fiscal year.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash or from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting for the needed roof repairs at Thomas Hall or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Per order of the State Attorney Generals office the Town is obligated to make sure Thomas Hall suffers no further deterioration prior to the final determination of its use.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye 71, Nay 65 (motion successful) that this article be refered to the Capital Improvement Committee and that Committee to report back to the Annual Meeting with a substitute Article.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash for a formal Real Estate Appraisal of Thomas Hall or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Per order of the State Attorney Generals Office the Town is obligated to have an appraisal completed to determine a fair value for the property.

Finance Committee recommends to passover.

VOTED Aye, voice to passover.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise from Free Cash or transfer from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting a sum of money to Line 7 Reserve Fund to replace funds given to the Fire Department to repair a transmission in one of the Fire Engines or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Article 5, Line 6, Unemployment \$5,000.00 to Article 5, Line 7, Reserve Fund of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from Free Cash \$415.00 to be used to pay the Fern Hill Cemetery for care of Soldiers and Sailors graves or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

VOTED unanimously to defer consideration due to the lack of a 200 quorum.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for replacing the heating plant at and making extraordinary repairs to the Indian Head School; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Hanson School Committee

VOTED unanimously to defer consideration due to the lack of a 200 quorum.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and Raise from Free Cash and/or Town Ambulance Fund and/or transfer from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment and/or Line 27B Part Time Fire Fighters of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting a sum of money to Line 27A Full Time Fire Fighters or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

VOTED unanimously to defer consideration due to the lack of a 200 quorum.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment and/or Line 26B Part Time Firefighters of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Line 22 Police Other Salaries & Wages, 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED, Aye unanimously to transfer \$35,000 from Article 5, Line 6 Unemployment and \$15,000 from Line 27B Part Time Firefighters of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Line 22 Police Other Salaries & Wages.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 54 Executive Secretary Salary and Wages, 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Nay, voice to transfer \$4000 from Article 5, Line 6 Unemployment to Article 5, Line 54 Executive Secretary of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer a sum of money from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting or available Free Cash to Article 5 Line 32 Highway salaries & wages, a sum of money to Line 42 Disposal area wages, for the purposes of funding the new contract between the Town of Hanson and AFL-CIO Local 1700 or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye 77, Nay 34 (motion successful) to transfer \$5375 from Article 5, Line 6 Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, as follows: \$4300 to Article 5, Line 32 Highway Salary and Other Wages, and \$1075 to Line 42, Disposal area wages.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash or transfer from Article 5, Line 6, Unemployment of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$8,000.00 to Line 38, Town Gasoline of the May Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Line 6, Article 5, Unemployment Insurance of the May 21, 1990 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$6500 to Line 38, Article 5 Town Gasoline of the May 21, 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate and Raise from Free Cash and/or Town Ambulance Fund and /or transfer from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment and/or Line 27B Part Time Fire Fighters of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting a sum of money to Line 27A Full Time Fire Fighters or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$18,000 from the Unemployment, Line 6 and transfer \$17,000 from Article 5, Line 27B Part Time Fire Fighters to Article 5, Line 27A, 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash or transfer from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 6, Unemployment a sum of money to be added to the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 68, Town Clerk Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Explanation: To pay for transcripts of the Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 6 Unemployment the sum of \$2925 to Article 5, Line 68, Town Clerk Expenses of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer \$ 3670.00 from Article 5, Line 51 Selectmen, Other Salaries & Wages, 1990 Annual Town Meeting, and \$ 600.00 from Article 5 Line 6 Unemployment to Article 5, Line 50 Selectmen's Other Salaries, 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Nay, voice.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$ 5600 from Article 5 Line 125A Water Dept clerical salaries of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5 Line 51 Selectmen Other Salaries and Wages of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice .

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,000 from Article 5, Line 124, Water Department Head Salaries of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 125 Water Department Other Salaries and Wages of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of \$6,313 from Article 5, Line 125A, Water Department Clerical Salaries of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 126, Water Department Expenses of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice.

The meeting was put on notice that Article 9 may be reconsidered.

VOTED, Aye voice to adjourn at 10:50 P.M. and to reconvene the meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in the Memorial Auditorium, Indian Head School.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
(second session)
MARCH 6, 1991

Moderator Michael J. Regan called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and adjourned the meeting until a quorum of 100 was in attendance.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:35 P.M. The Chair declared a quorum of 100 to be present.

Tellers appointed and sworn were Joseph O'Sullivan, Frank Romano and Edmund Callahan.

Town Counsel was Everett Marder of Kopelman and Paige.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-12 Section 12, by deleting subsection 12A, 12B, and 12C and in its place insert the following:

Sec 12A ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS	7/1/90	7/1/91
a. Assist. Assessor/Appraiser	28,665.00	29,812.00
to	30,900.00	to 32,136.00
b. Director of Elder Affairs	25,750.00	26,780.00
c. Exec Assist to Brd of Selectmen eff.<3/4/91>	18,500/10.13 hr to 22,145/12.12 hr	19,240/10.53 hr to 23,031/12.61 hr
d. Exec Assist to the Police Chief	20,600/	21,424/10.26 hr
e. Town Accountant	29,355.00	30,530.00
f. Town Treasurer/Collector	30,900.00	32,136.00
g. Water Superintendent	25,000.00	26,000.00
to	36,233.00	to 37,682.00

Sec 12B PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS	7/1/90	7/1/91
a. Inspector of Buildings	11.97 hr	12.45 hr
b. Assist Insp. of Buildings	9.34 hr	9.71 hr
c. Gas Insp.	9.34 hr	9.71 hr
d. Plumbing Insp.	9.34 hr	9.71 hr
e. Wiring Insp.	9.34 hr	9.71 hr
f. Health Agent	12,094 yr	12,578 yr/ 12.05 hr
g. Veteran Agent	6,250 yr	6,500 yr
h. Civil Defense Dir.	779 yr	810 yr
i. Admin Asst for Elder Affairs <new position>		7.00 hr

Sec 12C Other Part Time
Positions

	7/1/90	7/1/91
a. Dog Officer	6,096 yr	6,340 yr/ 6.10 hr
b. Animal Disposal Agent	377 yr	392 yr
c. Animal Inspector	857 yr	892 yr
d. Election Clerk	5.45 hr	5.66 yr
e. Election Officer	5.28 hr	5.49 hr
f. Election Warden	5.83 hr	6.06 hr
g. Registrar of Voters	2,163 yr	2,250 yr
h. Sealer of Weights & Measurers	391 yr	407 yr
i. Milk Insp.	117 yr	122 yr
j. Custodian	10.00 hr	10.40 hr
k. Police Matron	6.87 hr	7.14 hr
l. Jr. Library Tech.	6.31 hr	6.56 hr
m. Assist. Veterans Agent	8.05 hr	8.37 hr
n. Library Aid	5.23 hr	5.44 hr
o. Finance Com. Sec.	7.21 hr	7.50 hr
p. Emergency Clerical Labor	7.21 hr	7.50 hr

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
as Wage and Personnel Board

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 13D, Wage and Personnel By-law by adding the following:

section a.

5. The Administrative Personnel (i.e. Treasurer/Collector, Assessor-Appraiser, Director of Elder Affairs, Town Accountant, and the Water Superintendent) shall be granted an additional five (5) days vacation leave with pay over sections one through four above, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
as Wage & Personnel Board

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to pass over.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 13I: Other Leave, by deleting Section B and replacing with the following:

B. Employees shall be granted three (3) days per year for personal business for which he or she will be paid their normal rate with the prior approval of the employees' supervisor or department head, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Nay, voice to amend General Bylaws, Section 13I: Other Leave, by deleting Section B and replacing with the following:

B. Employees shall be granted three (3) days per year for personal business for which he or she will be paid their normal rate with the prior approval of the employees' supervisor or department head. These personal days shall not be cumulative.

Motion was made to reconsider Article 9.

Finance Committee recommends reconsidering Article 9.

VOTED Aye 63, Nay 42 to reconsider Article 9 (2/3s majority has not been achieved)-
MOTION DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990 thereby allowing the Town to receive enhanced 911 service as defined in said act and, if acceptance and notification to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of said acceptance occur on or before December 11, 1991, the Town will also receive, at no cost to it, the benefits of enhanced 911 network features and network components, including at least one public safety answering point, and any other enhanced 911 network features that maybe made available by the Statewide emergency telecommunications board, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to accept the provisions of Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990 relative to enhanced 911 service and the Town Clerk notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of said acceptance or rejection on or before December 11, 1991.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will transfer from available free cash or from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 6, Unemployment Insurance, a sum of money to Article 5, Line 51, Selectmen Other Salaries and Wages or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by Kathleen Ellis and
100 others

Explanation: This will restore the Clerical Line to the original status that is needed

to staff the new Library, the Water Department, Assessors, Assistant Town Accountant, Assistant Town Clerk, Conservation Dept., and Payroll Benefits Coordinator, which will enable the Town to restore Town services in an efficient day to day operation and be able to produce the revenue needed to run the Town.

Finance Committee does not recommend

VOTED Nay, voice to transfer the sum of \$9868 from Article 5, line 6, Unemployment Insurance to Article 5, Line 51, Selectmen Other Salaries and Wages.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, or transfer from free cash, or transfer from Town ambulance funds, or transfer from Line 6 Unemployment, Line 27B Call Fire Fighters, Line 30 Fire Dept. Equipment Outlay, of the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting, a sum of money to Line 27A-Fulltime Firefighters of the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by Paul Mahoney and
over 100 registered voters

Explanation: The Fulltime Firefighters line has an insufficient amount of funds to continue operation of the ambulance and Fulltime Firefighting forces for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

VOTED Aye unanimous to pass over.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from Free Cash \$415.00 to be used to pay the Fern Hill Cemetery for care of Soldiers and Sailors graves or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

VOTED Aye unanimous to pass over due to the lack of a 200 quorum.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for replacing the heating plant at and making extraordinary repairs to the Indian Head School; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Hanson School Committee

VOTED Aye unanimous to pass over due to the lack of a 200 quorum.

Motion was made to reconsider Article 9.

VOTED Aye 73, Nay 41 to reconsider Article 9 (4/5s majority has not been acheived)-
MOTION DEFEATED.

VOTED Aye unanimous to dissolve the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

A true copy attest:

Sandra E. Harris, Town Clerk

