

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2003 Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting
May 5, 2003

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with James Armstrong, Robert Hayes and Mark Gallivan appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Richard Bowen of the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting.

There was a quorum present with 302 voters in attendance.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Catherine Kuchinski made a special presentation of a floral bouquet to retiring Selectman Stephanie McSweeney in recognition of her years of service on the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was recessed at 7:40 p.m. to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 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 **2002** 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 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 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2004 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 that the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2004 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

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

	FY03	FY04
Moderator	380.00	380.00
Selectmen		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Town Clerk	46,370.00	47,761.00
Tree Warden	1,183.00	1,183.00
Assessors		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Highway Surveyor	55,592.00	57,260.00
Water Commissioners		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
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
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The above represents a 3% increase for the Town Clerk and the Highway Surveyor, as full-time employees, and the remaining elected, part-time officials were level funded for **FY2004**.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to fix the Salary and Compensation of all 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 **2004 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2004 Annual Budget Lines

Finance Committee holds.

VOTED Aye, the following FY 2004 Budget Appropriations

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

FY 2004

FIXED COSTS

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$	185,000
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion		95,000
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt		102,474
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion		26,600
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement		214,089
	233,600	Free Cash
	62,131	Overlay Surplus
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits		683,122
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance		167,500
8. 913-5173 Unemployment		<u>15,360</u>
TOTAL FIXED COSTS		1,784,876

TOWN SERVICES

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	45,000
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	52,000
11. 122-5432 Printing	6,000
12. 155-5303 Computer	55,000
13. 155-5341 Postage	27,000
14. 151-5301 Legal	75,000
15. 122-5271 Copier Supplies	13,500
16. 155-5300 Engineering	7,500
16A155-5302 Demolition	0
16B155-5313 Harvester	1,500
17. 155-5310 Town Audit	<u>13,000</u>
TOTAL TOWN SERVICES	295,500

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS

18. 197-5201 Utilities	145,000
19. 192-5113 Town Hall Custodian	62,243
20. 192-5201 Town Hall Expenses	20,000
21. 210-5795 Police Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	8,000
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

242,743

TOWN GOVERNMENT

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages	382
28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages	7,813
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages	36,332
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	447,200
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	5,000
32. 124-5112 Executive Secretary Wages	67,750
33. 124-5201 Executive Secretary Expenses	1,530
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,800
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	55,117
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	1,000
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	4,927
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	59,378
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	8,721
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	55,471
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification	1,000
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses	5,805
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges	17,000
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages	47,762
44a 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	1,000
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	4,306
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	5,897
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	5,975
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	8,750
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	2,250
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	1,100 Notice of Intent Fund
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	19,685
52. 172-5201 Conservation Agent Expenses	600 Notice of Intent Fund
52A175-5113 Planning Board Wages	7,813
53. 175-5201 Planning Board Expenses	3,325
54. 176-5201 Appeals Board Expenses	720
55. 186-5112 Town Planner Wages	60,183
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses	0
56A186-5118Town Planner Stipend	2,000
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages	45,561
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages	1,039
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense	3,453
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages	4,653
61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses	810
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages	5,713
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses	900
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages	2,500
65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses	450
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	19,431
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,260
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	22,260
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	2,000
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	1,178
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	990
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	33,075
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	910

74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	245,510
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	4,927
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	48,088
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	6,008
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	4,500
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	37,132
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	37,658
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	13,252
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	10,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	11,081
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	6,308
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	1,350
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	15,000
86A548-5790 Patriotic Observance	500
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,000
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	42,000
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	45,799
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	61,500
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	26,986
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	10,000
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>
TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	1,722,774

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	57,260
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages	277,055
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	22,943
94A420-5850 Loader Lease Payment	0
95. 420-5210 Town Gasoline	70,000
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>16,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL **553,258**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	77,250
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages	1,219,709
101A. 210-5113 Other Wagers-Quinn Bill	50,154
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	<u>78,375</u>

SUB-TOTAL **1,425,488**

103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers	199,963
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses	<u>14,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL **213,963**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages	74,263
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages	671,000
	269,220 Ambulance
	Fee Fund
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages	33,150
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense	50,350
108A220-5850 Equipment Outlay	0
108B220-5850 Lease Purchase	30,780 Ambulance
	_____ Fee Fund

SUB-TOTAL	1,128,763
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	3,321,472
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EDUCATION

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech	328,964
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp.	101,850
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing	89,836
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int.	725,530
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional	5,125,713
	42,759 Free Cash
	<u>106,533</u> Stabilization

TOTAL EDUCATION	6,521,185
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SUB-TOTAL	13,888,550
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WATER DEPARTMENT

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages	7,813
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent	53,069
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages	176,284
117. 450-5114 Water Dept. Clerical	39,862
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses	352,300
118A 450-5307 Water Legal	50,000
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest	<u>368,500</u>

TOTAL	1,047,828
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GRAND TOTAL	\$14,936,378
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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for engineering costs for a Storm Water Management Plan; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: This \$238,000.00 will be borrowed from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust and paid back over the period of 20 years at the rate of 2%, to become in compliance with the Federal Storm Water Management Regulations. The Storm Water Regulation governs the entire United States.

Finance Committee Holds

VOTED Aye unanimous that \$238,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing engineering costs for a Storm Water Management Plan, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$238,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; notwithstanding Section 1B of Article 2-9 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 that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund retirement buy-outs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This will fund the buy-outs for employees as they retire (i.e., sick time, vacation, etc.).

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from ambulance fee collection fund, a sum of money to Article 5, line 13, Postage of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money is a reimbursement to the postage accounts for postage used to mail all ambulance bills.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to appropriate and transfer from Ambulance Fee Collection Fund \$1,000.00 to Article 5, line 13, Postage of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus account to complete the DEP Source Approval process and obtain related approvals to allow for additional production of the water at the Crystal Springs Wellfield or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: The estimated cost of this project should not exceed \$125,000.00.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$125,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to complete the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) source approval process and obtain related approvals to allow for additional production of the water at the Crystal Springs Wellfield.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,145.25 from Article 12 of the October 1999 Special Town Meeting, the Executive Secretary/Fire Chief Search Committee, to create an article for Search Committee Expenses of Officials Appointed by the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article broadens the scope of the original article to include the search for officials appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash and/or transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization /Fund and transfer the following balances:

May 1997 STM Article 10, Refurbish Nat. Mill	\$ 28.37
May 1998 ATM Article 20, Highway Building	\$4000.00
May 1999, May, Article 8, Fern Hill Tomb	\$100.00
May 2000 STM Article 15, Town Hall Renovation	\$158.58
Oct. 2000 STM Article 13, Ply Cty Septic Systems	\$317.66
Oct. 2000 STM Article 10, Maquan Roof	\$21,000.00
Oct. 2000 STM Article 15, Kiwanee Engineering	\$ 70.00
May 2001 ATM Article 20 Main St., Fire-Roof	\$957.48
Oct. 2001 STM Article 10, Beede Oil Judgment	\$8,406.25
May 2002 ATM Article 14, Gas Heaters Highway	\$2,000.00
May 2002 ATM Article 15, Pers. Protective Equip.	\$22,000.00

These sums 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.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the following balances as printed in the warrant to the Capital Improvement Fund. The amount is \$59,038.34

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for drainage improvement at the Senior Center Library Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$14,000.00

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$14,000.00 for drainage improvement at the Senior Center Library Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for heating system at the Senior Center Library Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$30,000

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$30,000.00 for heating system at the Senior Center Library Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for the exterior siding repair/replacement on the south wall of the Senior Center Library Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated amount \$35,000

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$35,000.00 for the exterior siding repair/replacement on the south wall of the Senior Center Library Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for Leather Duty Gear for the Police Department under the direction of the Police Chief or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$14,000.00

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for Mobil and Portable Radios for the Police Department under the direction of the Police Chief or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$25,000.00

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for computer for the Police Department under the direction of the Police Chief or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$10,000.00

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for Fire Hoses for the Fire Department under the direction of the Fire Chief or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$14,503.00

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to/for Play Equipment at Botieri Field under the direction of the Parks and Field Commission or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Estimated cost \$35,000.00

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation and/or transfer from free cash and/or transfer from stabilization and/or transfer from overlay reserve and/or transfer from the October, 2000 Special Town meeting Article 14, Historic Properties Survey, the sum of \$2,734.00 for the purpose of painting the exterior of Old School House number 4, a Town owned building, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Hanson Historical Commission

Explanation: This article is to professionally prep, prime and paint the exterior of Old School House Number 4 on Main Street. This Historic Building, the oldest remaining schoolhouse in the Town of Hanson, is greatly in need of exterior painting. Although the original lease agreement with the Historical Society called for the Town to absorb all outside maintenance costs for the building, The Historical Society, recognizing the financial hardships facing the Town this year, has agreed to absorb 1/3 of the estimated cost of painting the building. We are proposing that the remaining 2/3 of the cost come from 2 different sources, with \$1,367 coming from monies previously appropriated and earmarked for National Register Nominations (Article 14 of the October 2000 Special Town Meeting), and the remaining balance of \$1,367.00 coming from one of the other sources of funding shown in the Article above.

Finance Committee holds.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer the sum of \$2,357.00 from Article 14 of the October 2000 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of professionally painting Old School House #4, a Town owned Building, located on Main Street.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from of the October 2000 Special Town Meeting, Article 14, Historic Properties Survey the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of preserving, and producing two reproductions, of the original Wood Lot drawing of the original Plymouth County Hospital area plan or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Historical Commission

Explanation: This historic original plan was recently discovered in the Plymouth County Archives, and is in need of preservation. We will have the original preserved in a proper archival sleeve and also two reproductions of the original made for display purposes.

Finance Committee holds.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from Article 14 of the October 2000 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of preserving the original Wood Lot drawings of the original Plymouth County Hospital area plan recently found in the Plymouth County archives.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to increase the total allowable gross receipts, from all sources, for certain persons 65 years of age or older wishing to defer property tax, from \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: Deferral of property taxes Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, will increase the total annual income from all sources from \$30,000 annually to \$40,000 annually. Taxes plus interest are paid at time of sale or when the estate is settled.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous Article 22 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept a cost of living adjustment to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D for fiscal year 2004 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: In 2002 the Town Meeting voted to accept the amendment created by Section 1 of Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995 that allowed an annual cost of living increase for the recipients of Clause 17D exemptions. The Town must vote the percent of the Consumer Price Index increase annually. The Consumer Price Index for FY 2004 is 3.58%.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous Article 23 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 G.L. 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 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 \$1,500.00. 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 Board of Assessors

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

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous Article 24 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing an addition to and remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the Police Station including original equipment and furnishing and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to determine whether any such borrowing shall be contingent upon a Proposition 2 ½ debt service exemption vote or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Station Feasibility Study Committee

Explanation: The estimated cost is three million dollars

Finance Committee holds

VOTED Aye 131, Nay 13 (2/3's achieved) that \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated for constructing an addition to and remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the Police Station including original equipment and furnishing and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$3,000,000.00 under G.L. C44, s7 or any other enabling authority; that notwithstanding Section 1B of Article 2-9 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 that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and further that such borrowing shall be contingent upon a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town of Hanson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000 to contract for legal services for Cape Cod and the Islands, Inc.'s continued provision of free legal services in civil matters to low-income families and their children, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Kevin Cahill and 15 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town of Hanson will vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services to its residents or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Marian Camirand and 29 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to hear the final report the Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee which was established by the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by The Senior Center Feasibility Study Committee

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye unanimous to accept as printed and amended.

ARTICLE 29: 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

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous Article 29 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 30: 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

\$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 30 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under the provisions of G.L. 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 will be 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 31 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or Stabilization and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the 1998 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 9, Sidewalks or take any other action.

Proposed by the
Street Safety & Dev. Committee

Explanation: This article will provide construction funds to create an additional 7,000 linear feet of sidewalk along a portion of Route 27. The estimated amount \$80,000.00.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 33: To bring their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, a Selectmen for one year, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health Member for three years, a Board of Health Member for one year, 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, two Constables for three years, a Trustee of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of Public Library for three years, a Trustee of the Public Library for one year, a member of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, two Water Commissioners for three years and a Water Commissioner for one year and one question.

Question 1: Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance constructing an addition to and remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the Police Station including original equipment and furnishing and landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto?

Yes _____

No _____

SEE: Town Election, May 17, 2003

VOTED Aye, voice at 11:30 p.m. to recess until Saturday, May 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 33 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.

A true copy, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk