

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

## **May 2010 Annual Town Meeting**

Annual Town Meeting  
May 3, 2010

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School. The meeting was put into a brief recess to allow the line of voters to be checked into the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m. with Robert Hayes, William Clay and Michael Glennon 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 for deceased town officials and employees Thomas Barr, Sr., John C. Keene, Pauline Harris, Peter Lima, Sr., Virginia C. Robbins, Joseph DeMinico, Phyllis L. Andrews, Dana F. Billings and Jean C. Richter.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Egan, recognized Selectman James Armstrong, who is not seeking re-election, for his 9 years of service as a member of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee and his 4 years of service as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Egan also recognized retiring Town Clerk Sandra E. Harris for her twenty-four years of service in the Town Clerk's office. Mrs. Harris was presented a bouquet of flowers by the Board of Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, Meredith Marini. Moderator Charles W. Mann presented Sandra Harris with a gift as a token of his appreciation.

State Representative Daniel Webster was introduced to the meeting.

A quorum was present with 381 voters in attendance.

**ARTICLE 1:** To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, a Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, an Assessor for two years, an Assessor for one year, 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 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 15, 2010**

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye, voice at 8:49 p.m. to recess the meeting and to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Maquan School to act on Article 1 and to recess the meeting upon the closing of the polls and to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010 at the Middle School.**

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC  
Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting  
June 7, 2010

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with Robert Hayes, Robert O'Brien and James Armstrong appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Tom Lane from the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed for deceased town officials Donald Teague and Gilbert Lyon.

A quorum was present with 375 voters in attendance.

**ARTICLE 2:** 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 **2009** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

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

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,287.45 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 borrowing for the new high school project.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$40,287.45 from the Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account as printed in the warrant.**

**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>FY10</b>	<b>FY11</b>
Town Clerk	\$58,524.00	\$58,524.00
Tree Warden	\$2,609.00	\$2,609.00
Highway Surveyor	\$71,052.00	\$71,052.00

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, voice Article 4 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 the Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, Stabilization Fund, Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, Election Fund Ch. 503, Acts of 1983, and Proceeds from MTBE Settlement to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2011 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2011 Annual Budget Lines

**VOTED Aye, voice the following FY 2011 Budget Appropriations.**

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

**FY 2011**

**FIXED COSTS**

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$ 119,313		
	50,000 MWPAT Receipts Reserved		
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion	280,000		
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt	42,351		
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion	166,092		
	6,238 Fund balance reserve for	Reduction of Future	Exclude Debt
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement	895,407		
	8,347 Free Cash		
	61,877 Overlay Reserve		
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits	1,325,000		
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance	229,836		
8. 913-5173 Unemployment	<u>105,920</u>		
<b>TOTAL FIXED COSTS</b>	<b>3,290,381</b>		

**TOWN SERVICES**

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	50,000
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	38,757
10A. 420-5210 Town Gasoline	100,000
11. 122-5432 Printing	4,500
12 155-5303 Computer Services	88,000
13 155-5341 Postage	22,000
14. 151-5301 Legal	70,000
15. 122-5271 Town Hall Copier Lease/Supplies	10,935
16. 155-5300 Engineering	3,240
16A155-5302 Demolition	0
16B155-5313 Harvester	0
17. 155-5310 Town Audit	<u>32,000</u>

**TOTAL TOWN SERVICES 419,432**

## MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS

18. 197-5201 Utilities	190,000
19. 192-5113 Town Buildings Custodial Wages	44,514
20. 192-5201 Town Hall Expenses	17,760
21. 210-5795 Police Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	21,330
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** **281,104**

## TOWN GOVERNMENT

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages	0	
28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages	0	
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages	44,235	
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	450,967	
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	4,650	
32. 124-5112 Town Administrator Wages	90,000	
33. 124-5201 Town Administrator Expenses	2,000	
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,035	
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	63,654	
35A135-5112 Interim Wages	0	
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	2,039	
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	0	
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	68,827	
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	7,150	
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	63,654	
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification	0	
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses	4,712	
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges	1,800	
43a 145-5784 MWPAT Admin. Charges		19,000 MWPAT Title V Special
	Revenue	
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages	56,820	
44a 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	0	
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	3,570	
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	8,970	
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	8,700	
	4,000 Election Grant	
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	6,237	
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	1,782	
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	1,700	
	1,000 Notice of Intent	
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	27,166	
	10,000 Notice of Intent	
52. 172-5201 Conservation Agent Expenses	0	
52A175-5113 Planning Board Wages	0	
53. 175-5201 Planning Board Expenses	3,254	
54. 176-5201 Appeals Board Expenses	720	
55. 186-5112 Town Planner Wages	53,825	
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses	0	
56A186-5118Town Planner Stipend	0	
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages	30,000	
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages	800	
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense	2,770	
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages	4,200	

61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses	650	
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages	4,000	
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses		900
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages	2,884	
65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses		360
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	16,000	
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,300	
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	25,680	
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	1,170	
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	2,609	
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	3,500	
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	40,737	
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	1,100	
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	171,585	
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages		0
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	55,034	
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	4,230	
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	1,000	
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	46,313	
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages		0
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	8,000	
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services		8,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	12,846	
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	5,000	
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	1,000	
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	15,000	
86A548-5790 Patriotic Observance		2,000
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,500	
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	51,780	
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages		54,693
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	75,000	
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages		0
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	5,000	
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee		0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>	

**TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT** **1,668,508**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS**

### **HIGHWAY**

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	68,983	
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages		277,608
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	24,650	
95. 420-5850 Lease Payments		0
96. 420-5840 Highway Road Repair & Drain.		26,000
97. 420-5292 Highway Snow Operation	85,000	
98. 420-5532 Street Signs & Lines	16,000	
99. 420-5533 Street Sweeping	<u>24,000</u>	

**SUB-TOTAL** **522,241**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	92,220	
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages		1,385,140
101A. 210-5113 Other Wages-Quinn Bill	57,844	

102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	<u>81,325</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,616,529</b>
103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers	278,000
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses	<u>24,540</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>302,540</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	
105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages	83,166
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages	871,040
310,000 Ambulance Fund	
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages	40,363
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense	43,285
25,000 Ambulance Fund	
108A220-5850 Equipment Outlay	0
108B220-5850 Lease Purchase	33,020
108C220-5525 Fire Safety	<u>3,000</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,408,874</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>3,850,184</b>

#### EDUCATION

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech	597,794
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp.	90,385
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing	102,537
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int.	737,502
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional	<u>6,726,258</u>
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>8,254,476</b>

**SUB-TOTAL 17,764,085**

#### WATER DEPARTMENT

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages	0
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent	63,935
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages	256,397
117. 450-5114 Water Dept Reimburse to Town	123,632
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses	301,440
118A 450-5307 Water Legal	20,000
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest	<u>336,295</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,101,699</b>

**GRAND TOTAL \$18,865,784**

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**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2011 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 2011 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation and/or transfer from free cash and/or stabilization a sum of \$5,000 for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This money will be used to cover the costs incurred for filing and advertising properties with delinquent taxes, and also to pay any legal fees resulting from this process.

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 7.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund estimated** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2011, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses    **\$ 9,120.00**

**Reserves:**

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	<b>\$18,241.00</b>
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	<b>\$18,241.00</b>
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	<b>\$18,241.00</b>
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	<b>\$32,040.00</b>

or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the  
Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

**VOTED Aye, voice to reserve \$95,833.00 from Fiscal Year 2011 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2011, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as detailed.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from Water Surplus for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** Meter replacement is a continuing program designed to maintain accurate reading.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Water Surplus for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$30,000 from Water Surplus Account; to be added to the 1992 Town Meeting Water Emergency Fund Article 15 or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This is to replenish the Emergency Account which was used for emergency pump station repairs; DEP mandated Emergency Response Plan; and various small items.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$30,000.00 from the Water Surplus to be added to the 1992 Town Meeting Water Emergency Fund Article 15.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) Settlement Account and the Water Surplus Account to be used to fund the purchase and installation of an Emergency Generator for the Crystal Spring Wellfield or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** Due to electrical upgrades to the Crystal Spring Well Field, the existing generator is no longer capable of providing reliable standby power.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 11.**



**ARTICLE 12:** 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 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, voice Article 12 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from overlay surplus a sum of money (\$15,000) for the purpose of conducting mandated interim year adjustments for all classes of property or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** The Department of Revenue has mandated that all cities and towns adjust values to 100% of market as of January 1, each year. Although we adjust our values on an annual basis, all classes of property must be within 5% of the main class. Assistance may be required with that statistical analysis for residential, commercial and industrial parcels.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$15,000.00 from Overlay Surplus to conduct State mandated interim adjustment for the fiscal 2012 real property values.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the use by the Parks and Fields Commission for the Town youth sport programs including building utilization, park and field maintenance and equipment.~ The receipts credited to the fund shall be those generated by a recycling program based at the town transfer station, building and field rental, reimbursements for repairs and donations.~ 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 ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000.~ 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:** Annual article for revolving fund.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice Article 14 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 15:** 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 \$7,000.00. 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, voice Article 15 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts general Law, Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 for the use of Hanson Senior Center operations to include events, programs, educational seminars and trainings, and staff reimbursement. The receipts generated through events, programs and educational seminars shall be credited to the fund. The Director of Elder Affairs is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restriction contained in G.L.c.44 Section 53E 1/2 an amount of money not to exceed \$50,000.00. 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 Council of Elder Affairs

**Explanation:** This article will allow money that is received from the deposits for the use of the Senior Center events, programs, educational seminars, trainings, staff reimbursement for the betterment of the Senior Center.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice Article 16 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 17:** 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 E 1/2 for the Hanson Council of Elder Affairs Supportive Day Program to be used for the expenses needed to run said program on a year-year basis. The receipt generated from the Supportive Day 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 \$120,000.00 or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Council for Elder Affairs

**Explanation:** to cover the costs of the Supportive Day program including staff 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 53 E ½ as printed in the warrant.**

**VOTED Aye at 10:20 p.m. to dissolve the meeting.**

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Elizabeth Sloan, CMC  
*Town Clerk*