Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2011 Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting
May 2, 2011

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:30p.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 7:40p.m. with Robert Hayes, William Clay and Robert J. O'Brien Jr. appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Jeffrey Blake 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 Oliver Amado, Phyllis Andrews, Dana Billings, Rodney Brunsell, Joseph DeMinico, Gilbert Lyon, Carole McCormack, George Ruxton, Sr., William Schmidt and Donald Teague.

Town Administrator, Rene Read presentations to outgoing Water Commissioner Phyllis Bickford recognizing her fourteen years of service and to outgoing Assessor/Appraiser Cynthia Long recognizing and thanking her for her twenty three years of service to the Town of Hanson.

State Representative Daniel Webster was introduced to the meeting.

A quorum was present with 288 voters in attendance.

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 8:45 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 **2010** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

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 2012 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 2012 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 3: 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.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 3.

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:

	FY11	**FY12**
Town Clerk	$58,525.00	$58,525.00
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 Town 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 **2012 Fiscal Year** provided, however, that the amounts raised and appropriated hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by

the voters at an election of a Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) of the General Laws or take any other action in relation thereto or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2012 Annual Budget Lines

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice the following FY 2012 Budget Appropriations.
(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)

The following lines were amended on the floor:
Line 79 was amended for a decrease of $750 by a voice vote to $250
Line 113 was amended for an increase of $67,526 by a voice vote to $6,955,153

	FY 2012
FIXED COSTS	
1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	$ 119,568
	90,000 MWPAT Receipts Reserved
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion	280,000
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt	33,478
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion	155,634
	5,846 Fund balance reserve for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement	906,963
	60,000 Overlay Surplus
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits	1,441,000
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance	229,836
8. 913-5173 Unemployment	80,000
TOTAL FIXED COSTS	**3,402,325**
TOWN SERVICES	
9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	50,000
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	38,757
10A. 420-5210 Town Gasoline	135,538
11. 122-5432 Printing	4,500
12 155-5303 Computer Services	94,000
13 155-5341 Postage	22,000
14. 151-5301 Legal	110,000
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	27,000
TOTAL TOWN SERVICES	**495,970**
MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS	
18. 197-5201 Utilities	200,000
19. 192-5113 Town Buildings Custodial Wages	45,501
20. 192-5201 Town Hall Expenses	25,760

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. 0

TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS 300,091

TOWN GOVERNMENT

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages 0
28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages 0
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages 45,562
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages 520,026
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses 4,650
32. 124-5112 Town Administrator Wages 92,700
33. 124-5201 Town Administrator Expenses 2,000
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses 1,155
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages 65,564
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses 2,039
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages 0
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages 76,892
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses 7,460
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages 65,564
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification 1,000
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses 4,712
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges 1,800
43A 145-5784 MWPAT Admin. Charges 15,000 MWPAT Title V Special Revenue
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages 58,525
44A 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification 0
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses 3,570
46. 162-5114 Election Wages 5,842
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses 6,615
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages 6,237
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses 1,782
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses 2,700
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages 28,281
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 55,440
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses 0
56A186-5118Town Planner Stipend 0
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages 30,900
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages 1,000
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense 3,350
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages 4,200
61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses 725
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages 4,000
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses 900
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages 2,971
65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses 360
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages 16,000
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses 1,475
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages 26,450
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	41,932
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	1,100
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	172,425
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	0
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	56,685
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	4,230
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	250
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	47,702
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	0
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	8,000
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	6,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	13,231
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	4,000
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	1,000
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	20,000
86A548-5790 Patriotic Observance	2,000
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,500
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	53,333
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	66,422
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	75,000
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	0
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	9,000
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	0
TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	**1,772,910**

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	71,052
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages	334,353
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	26,600
95 420-5850 Lease Payments	0
96 420-5840 Highway Road Repair & Drain.	26,000
97. 420-5292 Highway Snow Operation	105,000
98. 420-5532 Street Signs & Lines	16,000
99. 420-5533 Street Sweeping	24,000
SUB-TOTAL	**603,005**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	92,220
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages	1,430,824
101A. 210-5113 Other Wages-Quinn Bill	78,023
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	81,324
SUB-TOTAL	**1,682,391**

103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers	282,170
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses	25,540
SUB-TOTAL	**307,710**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages	90,000	
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages	991,793	
	282,000	Ambulance Fund
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages	41,363	
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense	68,285	
108A220-5850 Equipment Outlay	7,176	Overlay Reserve
108B220-5850 Lease Purchase	0	
108C220-5525 Fire Safety	3,500	
SUB-TOTAL	**1,484,117**	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		**4,077,223**

EDUCATION

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech	576,107	
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp.	112,000	
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing	105,598	
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int.	472,694	
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional	6,955,153	
TOTAL EDUCATION		**8,221,552**
SUB-TOTAL		**18,270,071**

WATER DEPARTMENT

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages	0	
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent	65,853	
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages	256,397	
117. 450-5114 Water Dept Reimburse to Town	138,356	
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses	316,280	
118A 450-5307 Water Legal	30,000	
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest	216,564	
TOTAL	**1,023,450**	
GRAND TOTAL		**$19,293,521**

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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2012 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 2012, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses~~~~ $ 8,900.00

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Reserves:

From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve $17,814
From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve $17,814
From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve $17,814
From FY 2012 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve $39,644

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or take any other action in relation thereto.

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Proposed by the
Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice Article 6 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 7: 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 refers to Town Meeting.

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

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $25,000 from the amounts appropriated in preceding Article 5, Line 120 Capital Improvement budget for drainage projects throughout the town under the direction of the Highway Surveyor or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 8.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $50,000 from the amounts appropriated in preceding Article 5, Line 120 Capital Improvement budget for the purchase of a jet rodder to be operated under direction of the Highway Surveyor or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 9.

~***ARTICLE 10:*** To see if the Town will vote to transfer $75,000 as the first of a three year purchase totaling $225,000 from the amounts appropriated in preceding Article 5, Line 120 Capital Improvement budget for installation of fiber optic cabling, related serves and connecting equipment to link all Town facilities or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: The installation of fiber optic cabling and all related servers and connecting equipment is necessary to link all of the towns offices and facilities and serve as a platform for future software/hardware technological upgrades.

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 10.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $67,000 from the amounts appropriated in preceding Article 5, Line 120 Capital Improvement budget to repave the Fire Department parking lot/driveways under the direction of the Fire Chief or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 11.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will approve the $800,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Whitman Hanson Regional School District on April 13, 2011, for the purpose of paying costs of making roof repairs to the Indian Head School located at 726 Indian Head Street, in Hanson, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee, for which the District may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-six percent (56%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided further that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on its allocable portion of said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant

amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School Committee

Explanation: Funding requires an affirmative vote on a ballot question which will appear on the May 21, 2011 Annual Town Election Ballot.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to approve the $800,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Whitman Hanson Regional School District on April 13, 2011, for the purpose of paying costs of making roof repairs to the Indian Head School located at 726 Indian Head Street, in Hanson, the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee, for which the District may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Also known as MSBA. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-six percent of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided further that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon the affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on its allocable portion of said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $24,000 from Water Department Surplus to install a new roof and wall system repair to the Water Department office building located at 1073 West Washington Street or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: The northern portion of the Water Department building is over twenty years old and in need of repair. The exterior wall on the eastern side of the Water Department building was damaged several years ago and is also in need of repair.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer $24,000 from Water Department Surplus to install a new roof and wall system repair to the Water Department office building located at 1073 West Washington Street.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $50,000 from Water Department Surplus to be added to Article 16, Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting , 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: The meter replacement is a continuing program designed to maintain accurate reading.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer $50,000 from Water Department Surplus to be added to Article 16, Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting , for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $100,000 from Water Department Surplus to be added to Article 27 of the May 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting to fund further installation of water mains town wide or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: Water main replacement is a continuing program designed to improve the water distribution system.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer $100,000 from Water Department Surplus to be added to Article 27 of the May 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting to fund further installation of water mains town wide.

***ARTICLE 16*:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of monies from the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 25 (Iron Removal Study), the May 2007 Annual Town Meeting Article 27 (Water Mains), and the May 2009 Special Town Meeting Article 8 (Conservation Grant Program) to fund Phase 1 of the Crystal Spring Well Field Dechlorination project or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: Hanson's water supply consists of four wells located in the Crystal Spring Well Field. In addition, the department has the capability to tie into the Brockton water system through two interconnections located at the intersection of Rte 58 and 27. The department has tried to develop additional sources of water throughout town, however all these efforts have proven unsuccessful. Therefore, during periods of high demand it is not unusual for the department to open one of the Brockton interconnections in order to meet customer demand. Unfortunately, the water from the Brockton system is heavily chlorinated and taking this water typically results in numerous water complaints from Hanson residents. The Water Department is proposing a phased approach to address this problem with the first phase consisting of the installation of new Brockton interconnection and associated water main. The new water main would connect to the output of the Town's existing Crystal Spring Well Field resulting in the blending of Brockton's water with Hanson's own supply. This would dilute the elevated chlorine concentration from Brockton to a more palatable level.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer a sum of monies from the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 25 (Iron Removal Study) $140,000.00; the May 2007 Annual Town meeting Article 27 (Water Mains), $66,540.00; and the May 2007 Special Town Meeting Article 8 (Conservation Grant Program) $31,460.00 to fund Phase I of the Crystal Spring Well Dechlorination program.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus a sum of money ($5,000) to be added to Article 13 of the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting to fund mandated interim year valuation adjustments for all classes of property, or take any other action in relation 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 values on an annual basis, all classes of property must be within 5% of the main class. Assistance may be required with the statistical analysis for residential, commercial and industrial parcels. This article will assist with all costs related to the interim year adjustments.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Overlay Surplus, $5,000 to be added to Article 13 of the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting to fund mandated interim year valuation adjustments for all classes of property.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to name, in perpetuity, the intersection of Brook Street and State Street as PFC Joseph William Wirth Square or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Hanson Patriotic Observance Committee

Explanation: Private First Class Joseph William Wirth was born and raised on Brook Street, Hanson , MA and attended Hanson schools. On 2nd March 1970 PFC Wirth, United States Army was killed in action in Quang Ngai Province, Republic of South Vietnam. It is fitting and proper that his memory be memorialized. *There will be no cost to the town

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to name, in perpetuity, the intersection of Brook Street and State Street as PFC Joseph William Wirth Square.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which shall be kept separate and apart from other monies by the Treasurer, and which shall be deposited receipts received that may be spent only from those sources identified below under "Source of Funds" without further appropriation during Fiscal Year 2012 and as identified below under "Use of Funds", and shall be expended under the direction of those so indicated. Said annual amount expended from each revolving account shall not exceed the amount indicated below under "Annual Expenditure"

Source of Funds	Use of Funds	Expended Under Direction of:	FY 12 Limit
Assessors Counter Sales of Maps	Purchase and Maintenance of maps including GIS	Board of Assessors	$1,500
Parks & Fields Recycling, rental fees Repair reimbursement & Donations	Park & Field Maintenance and equipment	Parks & Fields	$20,000
Library	Library Operations, Copier	Board of Library	$7,000

Fines, Fees and Copier Charges	Purchase, maintenance, Repair & supplies. Printer Supplies. Replacement of Lost or damaged books		
Senior Center Events, programs and Education Seminars	Senior Center Operations Events, programs, Seminars Training & Reimbursements	Director of Elder Affairs	$2,500
Senior Center Program Fees	Supportive Day Care Program	Director of Elder Affairs	$110,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: There are the annual revolving accounts which have been consolidated into one article to streamline the warrant process.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as printed in the warrant.*ARTICLE 20:* To Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hanson the undersigned, citizens the Town of Hanson, respectfully petition for the placement of the accompanying Home Rule Petition on the Town Meeting Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting: An Act Chapter 255 of the Acts and resolves of 1981 and restoring the applicability of civil service law and rules to the police force of the Town of Hanson

Resolution submitting a Home Rule Petition for the Purposes of Authorizing the Town of Hanson to restore the applicability of civil service law and rules to its police force.

WHEREAS, the Hanson police force was covered by civil service law and rules prior to the June 18, 1981 enactment of Chapter 255 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981; and

WHEREAS, the town of Hanson police force has been exempt from civil service law and rules since June 18, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the town of Hanson desires to apply to its police force the basic merit principles of civil service law which include (a) recruiting, selecting and advancing of employees on the basis of their relative ability, knowledge and skills including open consideration of qualified applicants for initial appointment; (b) providing of equitable and adequate compensation for all employees; (c) providing of training and development of employees, as needed, to assure the advancement and high quality performance of such employees; (d) retaining of employees on the basis of adequacy of their performance, correcting inadequate performance, and separating employees whose inadequate performance cannot be corrected; (e) assuring fair treatment of all applicants and employees in all aspects for personnel administration without regard to political affiliation, race, color, age, national origin, sex, marital status, handicap, or religion and with the proper regard for privacy, basic rights outlined in M.G.L. c. 31 and constitutional rights as citizens, and; (f) assuring that all employees are protected against coercion for political purposes, and are protected from arbitrary and capricious actions; and

WHEREAS, the town of Hanson desires to revoke Chapter 255 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, and restore the applicability of civil service law and rules to its police force;

NOW THEREFORE BEING IT RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting of the Town of Hanson hereby approved the attached petition entitled AN ACT REVOKING CHAPTER 255 OF THE ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1981 AND RESTORING THE APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND RULES TO THE POLICE FORCE OF THE TOWN OF HANSON.

SECTION 1. Chapter 255 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981 is revoked in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Civil service law and rules shall be applicable to the police force of the Town of Hanson on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. *The incumbents on the effective date of this act in the position of police officer of any rank in the police force of the Town of Hanson shall be continued in office, subject to civil service law and rules, after passing a qualifying examination.*

SECTION 4. *This act shall take effect upon its passage.*

Proposed by Kevin McCarthy and 138 others

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to postpone Article 20 until the October Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21: To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for two years, a member of the Planning Board for three years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, two Trustee of Memorial Field for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for one year, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one member of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, Water Commissioners for three years and two questions:

- 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 the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of making roof repairs to the Indian Head School in Hanson, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

  Yes____ No____

- Shall the Town be allowed to assess an additional $584,475 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of fully funding the operating budget of the Town as outlined in Article 5 of the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting warrant for which monies from this assessment will be used for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

  Yes____ No____

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice at 11:01p.m. to recess until Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 21 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Elizabeth Sloan, CMC
Town Clerk