

Annual Town Meeting
May 2, 2016

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM in the auditorium of the Hanson 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 7:48 p.m. with Jerome Thompson, Kathleen Marini and John Norton appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Jason Talerman from Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Margaret A. Ford, Dana Larsen, James McDermott, Evelyn Meinhold, Kathleen O'Brien, James Wilde and John J. Ferry.

A quorum was present with 287 voters in attendance.

The Moderator requested a motion to have Town Meeting allow the Moderator to declare a determination of a voice vote of Town Meeting. Motion was made by Sean Kealy, seconded by Joseph O'Sullivan, **Vote Aye, voice** to allow the Moderator to declare a determination of a voice vote of Town Meeting.

The Moderator indicated that the Town Meeting would be run by the rules of Town Meeting Time.

The new Town Administrator, Michael McCue was recognized along with the State Representative, Josh Cutler. The Moderator explained that there was a questionnaire for the voters to fill out on Open Space and Recreation to be handed in at the end of the Town Meeting as well as the Electronic Voting Committee having a display in the lobby for the voters to try out the technology. The Electronic Voting Committee will be giving a report on their findings to the Moderator by the end of the year.

The Finance Committee was recognized and explained how the Finance Committee reviews and recommends the Budget to Town Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 7:50 PM to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 8:17PM.

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 **2015** Town Report.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Donald Howard

Second: Jim McGahan

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2017 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.

Motion: Jim McGahan

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2017 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from overlay surplus 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.

Motion: Bruce Young
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$20,000 from overlay surplus for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account.

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:

	FY16	FY17
Town Clerk	\$64,595.00	\$65,887.00
Tree Warden	\$2,936.00	\$ 2,995.00

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.

Motion: Bill Scott
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 5: To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate 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, Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, and Election Fund Ch. 503, Acts of 1983 to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2017 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2017 Annual Budget Lines

Finance Committee recommends as presented.

Motion: Kenny Mitchell

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, unanimous the following FY 2017 Budget Appropriations

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

	FY 2017
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	
122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
1. Salaries	\$ 173,535
2. Expenses	24,485
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	
3. Salaries	1,500
4. Expenses	450
5. Reserve Fund	78,500
135 ACCOUNTANT	
6. Salaries	108,917
7. Expenses	2,000
8. Audit	36,500
141 ASSESSORS	
9. Salaries	146,826
10. Expenses	7,250

145 TREASURER/COLLETOR

11. Salaries	184,209
12 Expenses	7,460
13 MWPAT Admin Expenses	7,500 MWPAT
Title V Interest	

151 LEGAL SERVICES

14. Expenses	140,000
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155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

15. Expenses	120,000
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161 TOWN CLERK

16. Salaries	108,687
17. Expenses	3,945

162 ELECTIONS

18. Salaries	13,090
19. Expenses	11,300
20. Special Election Expenses	0

163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

21. Salaries	7,709
22. Expenses	1,782

171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

23. Salaries	59,024
24. Expenses	4,821

175 PLANNING BOARD

25. Salaries	64,451
26. Expenses	5,150

176 APPEALS BOARD

27. Salaries	33,917
28. Expenses	720

180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

29. Expenses	0
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190 POSTAGE

30. Expenses	24,000
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192 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

31. Salaries	51,212
32. Expenses	28,225

196 UTILITIES

33. Expenses	124,145
SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,581,310

PUBLIC SAFETY:

210 POLICE

34. Salaries	1,885,636
35. Expenses	179,650
36. Capital Outlay	106,100

215 COMMUNICATIONS

37. Salaries	349,731
38. Expenses	35,550

220 FIRE & AMBULANCE

39. Salaries	1,450,707
	237,500 Ambulance
Fund	
40. Expenses	161,920
	25,000 Ambulance
Fund	

41. Capital Outlay	8,000
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241 BUILDING INSPECTION

42. Salaries	78,259
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43. Expenses	7,000
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242 GAS INSPECTION

44. Salaries	6,725
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45. Expenses	0
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243 PLUMBING INSPECTION

46. Salaries	6,725
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47. Expenses	0
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244 WEIGHTS & MEASURES

48. Salaries	3,200
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49. Expenses	400
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245 WIRING INSPECTION

50. Salaries	20,600
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51 Expenses	0
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292 ANIMAL CONTROL

52. Salaries	0
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53. Expenses	20,000
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294 TREE WARDEN

54. Salaries	2,995
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55. Expenses	5,000
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SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	4,590,698
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EDUCATION:

300 WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL

56. Operating Assessment	7,715,066
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57. Transportation Assessment	96,280
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58. Debt Assessment	477,872
59. 330 SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH	877,141
60. 340 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	254,034
SUBTOTAL, EDUCATION	9,420,393

PUBLIC WORKS:

410 ENGINEERING

61. Expenses	0
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420 HIGHWAY

62. Salaries	454,763
63. Expenses	181,850
64. Snow & Ice	250,000
65. Street Sweeping	40,000

424 TOWN-WIDE FUEL

66. Expenses	110,000
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430 SOLID WASTE

67. Salaries	0
68. Expenses	0
SUBTOTAL, PUBLIC WORKS	1,036,613

HUMAN SERVICES:

511 BOARD OF HEALTH

69. Salaries	97,851
70. Expenses	7,235
71. VNA Services	5,280

541 COUNCIL ON AGING

72. Salaries	73,569
73. Expenses	9,100
74. VNA Services	6,800

543 VETERANS

75. Salaries	21,326
76. Expenses	2,450
77. Assistance	47,500

544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES

78. Expenses	<u>2,181</u>
SUBTOTAL, HUMAN SERVICES	273,292

CULTURE & RECREATION:

610 LIBRARY

79. Salaries	275,324
80. Expenses	125,573

630 RECREATION

81. Salaries	0
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650 PARK & FIELDS

82. Expenses	25,000
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83. 692 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM	<u>2,500</u>
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SUBTOTAL, CULTURE & RECREATION	428,397
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FIXED COSTS:

710 DEBT SERVICE

84. Principal	385,000
Rcpts reserved	115,000 MWPAT

85. Interest	133,465
Premium reserved	3,842 Debt

86. 911 PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT	1,417,027
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87.	913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	26,000
88.	914 GROUP INSURANCE	1,663,000
89.	945 RISK MANAGEMENT	<u>278,000</u>
	SUBTOTAL, FIXED COSTS	4,021,334

SUB TOTAL	\$ 21,352,037
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WATER:

90. Salaries	419,922 Water
Revenue	
91. Expenses	397,100 Water
Revenue	
92. Debt Service	281,465 Water
Revenue	
93. Indirect Cost	<u>170,500 Water</u>
Revenue	
SUBTOTAL, WATER	1,268,987

TOTAL – ALL BUDGETS - GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 22,621,024</u>
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ARTICLE 6: To determine whether the Town will appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from other available funds the additional sum of \$1,241,141.00 for paying the Town's assessed share of the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget of the Whitman Hanson Regional School District; provided, however, that the amounts raised and appropriated hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a so-called 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

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The above will appropriate funds for the following additional Budgeted items which were part of fiscal 2017 Whitman Hanson Regional School Budget which was approved and Certified by a 10-0 vote of the Regional School Committee. :

Instructional staff (8 positions), Library (5 Positions) and (2) Social workers, (2) Reading Specialists, (2) math specialists, (2) foreign language instructors, (1) Foreign Language program Coordinator, (1) Art teacher, (1) music teacher, (1) wellness instructor, (1) fine arts instructor, (1) music director, and Full Time no cost Kindergarten program, Professional Development improvements, Safety and Security resources (1) Safety and Security Position (3) Duty Aides, and (1) data specialist for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

This article also requires voter approval of the ballot question at the May 21, 2016 Annual Town Election. If so approved, the funds will be added to the Whitman Hanson Regional School budget.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bruce Young
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice for the Town to vote to determine whether the Town will appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from other available funds the additional sum of \$1,241,141.00 for paying the Town's assessed share of the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget of the Whitman Hanson Regional School District; provided, however, that the amounts raised and appropriated hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters at an election of a so-called Proposition 2 ½ override question in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C(g) of the General Laws.

Joseph O'Sullivan requested the Town Meeting to reconsider the vote just taken under Article 6. The Moderator explained that unless there was an error in the procedure of the vote or new information has come out the Town of Hanson historically doesn't reconsidered Articles without the reasons just stated. Mr. O'Sullivan withdrew his request.

ARTICLE 7: To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues	FY 16	FY 17
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$260,000	\$278,000
Retained Earnings	\$ 18,000	
Taxation	<u>\$ 41,356</u>	<u>\$ 43,184</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$319,356	\$321,184

Estimated Expenses

Item	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$157,356	\$159,184	\$125,000 program Revenue \$ 34,184 Taxation
Expenses	\$153,000	\$153,000	Program Revenue
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 9,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,000</u>	Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$319,356	\$321,184	

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

Explanation: Recreation program cost now shown in this Enterprise Fund budget. With the exception of the Administrative Assistant position, all costs related to the operation of Camp Kiwanee are projected to be offset by the program revenues. All surpluses of this account at the end of the year will remain within the account.

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

Motion: David Blauss

Second: Donald Howard

Michael Wojdag, Finance Committee Chair explained that these amounts are different from what was printed in the Warrant with the difference coming from a \$15,000 reduction requested by the Finance Committee.

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Under Estimated Revenues for FY 17

Program Receipts \$270,000
Taxation \$ 28,184
Retained Earnings \$ 8,000
Adjusted Total Budget Revenues to \$306,184

Under Estimated Expenses for FY 17

Salaries \$159,184 \$8,000 retained earnings
 \$19,184 taxation
 \$132,000 Program Revenue
Expenses \$138,000 Program Revenue
Indirect Cost \$9,000 Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses \$306,184

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues	FY16	FY 17
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$240,450	\$220,750
Taxation	\$125,701	\$125,553
Retained Earnings		<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$365,951	\$371,303

Estimated Expenses	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$112,025	\$116,877 \$25,000 RetainedEarnings \$91,877 Taxation
Expenses	\$220,250	\$220,750 Program Revenue
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 33,676</u>	<u>\$ 33,676</u> Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$365,951	\$371,303

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: The total cost of operating the Transfer Station is \$371,303. A portion of the Salaries \$91,877 and expenses \$33,676 will come from general taxation. The balance of expenses \$245,687.00 will be paid through the Enterprise Fund.

Finance Committee recommends to hold.

Motion: Gilbert Amado
Second: Donald Howard

Gilbert Amado explained that these amounts are different from what was printed in the Warrant with the difference coming from a \$25,000 reduction requested by the Finance Committee.

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2017, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues for FY 17	
Program Receipts	\$220,750
Taxation	\$100,553
Retained Earnings	\$ 25,000
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$346,303

Estimated Expenses

Salaries	\$116,877	\$25,000 Retained Earnings
		\$66,877 Taxation
		\$25,000 Program Revenue
Expenses	\$195,750	
Indirect Costs	\$ 33,676	
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$346,303	

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$140,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: This article ensures that Hanson's Community Preservation Accounts are compliant with the Community Preservation Act which requires that a certain portion of the CPA funds be set aside for open space projects, community housing projects, historical projects and recreation projects. In addition, it sets aside money for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Kemmett

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2017 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 2017, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve \$25,000

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$25,000

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$25,000

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$140,000

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.
And Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is the annual article which approves the Capital Improvement matrix for the next fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Norton

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds \$687,868.00 to various department Capital Accounts for the following items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY17 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Library/Senior Center	Siding replacement, painting & exterior improvements	\$60,000		Free Cash

2	Fire Department	Replace 1955 & 1987 Fire vehicles	\$60,000		Free Cash
3	School – Maquan	Replace with LED Lighting	\$49,664		Free Cash
4	School – Indian Head	Replace with LED Lighting	\$18,279		Free Cash
5	School – Maquan	Remove insulation and reinsulated piping and fittings	\$37,925		Free Cash
6	School – Maquan	Repair/Replace Roof	\$322,000		Free Cash
7	Highway	Purchase small dump truck	\$65,000		Free Cash
8	Recreation	Replace Septic System	75,000		Retained earnings
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$687,868</i>		

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee &
Board of Selectmen

Explanation: *Item 1* Siding Replacement, Painting of Trim and exterior repairs at Library/Senior Center. *Item 2* – To purchase and equip a Fire pick up truck which will be used as a backup forest fire vehicle to replace two fire vehicles. *Item 3* – Replace lighting with LED lighting at Maquan School. The current lighting is outdated and not energy efficient. *Item 4* Replace lighting with LED lighting at Indian head School. The current lighting is outdated and not energy efficient. *Item 5* – Remove insulation and reinsulate piping and fittings at Maquan School. *Item 6* – Repair/Replace Roof at Maquan School. *Item 7* - Purchase of Highway truck to replace the one ton Dump truck. *Item 8* – Replace Septic System at Camp Kiwanee

Finance Committee recommends .

Motion: John Norton

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate and transfer from available funds \$687,868.00 to various department Capital Accounts for the following items:

Line	Dept.	Item	FY17 CIP Report	Selectmen's Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Library/Senior Center	Siding replacement, painting & exterior improvements	\$60,000	Recommend	Free Cash
2	Fire Department	Replace 1955 & 1987 Fire vehicles	\$60,000	Recommend	Free Cash
3	School – Maquan	Replace with LED Lighting	\$49,664	Recommend	Free Cash
4	School – Indian Head	Replace with LED Lighting	\$18,279	Recommend	Free Cash
5	School – Maquan	Remove insulation and reinsulated piping and fittings	\$37,925	Recommend	Free Cash
6	School – Maquan	Repair/Replace Roof	\$322,000	Recommend	Free Cash
7	Highway	Purchase small dump truck	\$65,000	Recommend	Free Cash
8	Recreation	Replace Septic System	75,000	Recommend	Retained earnings
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$687,868</i>		

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds \$99,738.00 to Capital Accounts for the following Whitman Hanson Regional High School items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY16 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	School – High School	Repair the Tennis Courts	68,178		Raise & Appropriate
2	School – High School	Repair Walkway by Main and Gym entrance	18,594		Raise & Appropriate
3	School – High School	Replace bleacher Chairlift	12,966		Raise & Appropriate
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$99,738</i>		

Explanation: *Item 1* The courts were resurfaced in 2005 and are severely cracked and heaving. *Item 2* – During the severe 2015 weather, the walkways have heaves and are a hazard. *Item 3* – Replacement parts are no longer available and the lift will fail the state inspection.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Robert Hayes
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$99,738.00 to Capital Accounts for the following Whitman Hanson Regional High School.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY16 CIP Report	Selectmen's Recommendation	Funding Source
1	School – High School	Repair the Tennis Courts	68,178	Recommend	Raise & Appropriate
2	School – High School	Repair Walkway by Main and Gym entrance	18,594	Recommend	Raise & Appropriate
3	School – High School	Replace bleacher Chairlift	12,966	Recommend	Raise & Appropriate
		TOTAL	\$99,738		

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Town of Hanson to accept state funding, including Chapter 90 funding for accepted roadways. This article authorizes use of funds which will be 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The budget approved each fiscal year by the legislature and governor establishes the total funding available for Chapter 90 local transportation aid for that year. These funds are then apportioned to the 351 Massachusetts towns and cities.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Jim McGahan
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or

County for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash, overlay surplus and/or available funds a sum of money to fund the FY 2018-2019 Interim year adjustments and the Fiscal 2020 Triennial Recertification of the Town's Real Estate and Personal Property values, as required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1979 or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: M.G.L. requires that valuations be recertified every three (3) years. All building schedules, land tables, depreciation schedules, etc. are recalculated according to the current real estate market. New income and expense figures are also adopted based on the current commercial/industrial market. Estimated amount \$45,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Trish O'Kane
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate from overlay surplus the sum of \$45,000 to fund the FY 2018-2019 Interim year adjustments and the Fiscal 2020 Triennial Recertification of the Town's Real Estate and Personal Property values, as required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1979.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve \$15,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance for the purpose of hiring a Consultant to prepare a Community Preservation Plan for the Community Preservation Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: The Community Preservation Committee would like to hire a Consultant to assist them in preparing a Community Preservation Plan. The Consultant will be required to meet with all relevant boards/committees in addition to meeting with the citizens of Hanson in order to help them determine the areas of need that might benefit from Community Preservation Act funds. After they have gathered the requisite feedback and documentation needed, they will use this information to form the proposed

Community Preservation Plan which will serve as a roadmap for Community Preservation Act funding in the future.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Kemmett

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate or reserve \$15,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance for the purpose of hiring a Consultant to prepare a Community Preservation Plan for the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash and/or available funds a sum of money to be used to advance the Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction project from the Project Need Form (PNF) stage to the Project Initiation Form (PIF) stage and through the Project Review Committee (PRC) review or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction Project is ultimately anticipated to include improvements to traffic circulation and safety, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and roadway flooding along Maquan Street from Liberty Street (Route 58) and Indian Head Street to the Pembroke Town Line, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles. It will also include reconstruction of School Street (approximately 0.25 miles long) to link pedestrian and bicycle accommodations from the existing Indian Head School, Maquan Elementary School, Hanson Public Library and sports fields with Maquan Street and its abutting neighborhoods.

Work will begin with the **Phase 1 Concept Development (Funding Assistance)** in order to advance the project from the Project Need Form (PNF) stage to the Project Initiation Form (PIF) stage and through the Project Review Committee (PRC) review. These early stages for future State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects include collecting data, performing preliminary evaluations and soliciting public input to further define the project. Assistance will also be provided in filling out the PIF itself for submission to MassDOT as well as meeting with the public and representatives of Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) and Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). The anticipated cost of the Funding Assistance Phase is \$45,000.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard

Second: Jim McGahan

Deborah Swanson , a resident of Maquan Street wanted to know the impact this project was going to have on the residence of Maquan Street. Donald Howard explained that this is just the first phase of at least a six year project and there will be meetings where the residence will be able to voice their concerns.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$45,000 from Free Cash to be used to advance the Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction project from the Project Need Form (PNF) stage to the Project Initiation Form (PIF) stage and through the Project Review Committee (PRC) review.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$500,000 from Water Surplus to be added to the funds appropriated under Article #23 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for additional water exploration; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: The water department is continuing to expend available funding on additional water supply development. Currently the town only has one well site (Crystal Spring Wells). Several locations are being evaluated, which may require site clearing, access improvements, test drilling, engineering coordination with regulators, and permitting. A stepwise approach will be implemented and evaluated by the Water Commission to rule out infeasible areas.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard
Second: Jim McGahan

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$500,000 from Water Surplus to be added to the funds appropriated under Article #23 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting for additional water exploration.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$75,000 from the Water Surplus to be added to the funds appropriated under Article 16 Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of purchasing new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This meter replacement is the continuing program designed to maintain accurate reading records.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard

Second: Jim McGahan

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$75,000 from the Water Surplus to be added to the funds appropriated under Article 16 Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of purchasing new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 24 of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting and further vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$1,300,000.00 for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This is a housekeeping article. The project was approved at the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting. However, the Town's bond counsel requires that pursuant to the Town's bylaws, the project and the amount authorized must be reflected on the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. The updated figures have been included on this year's Capital Improvement Plan and the proper documentation has now been completed. These funds will allow the water department to replace old water mains; eliminate bleeders on dead ends streets; for better water quality. Requires two thirds vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard

Second: Jim McGahan

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to vote to rescind Article 24 of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting and further vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$1,300,000.00 for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town.

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to name the intersection of Winter & Liberty Street in the honor of John Ferry or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Veterans' Agent

Explanation: John died in December 2015 at 92 years of age. He was a highly decorated veteran who served his country in World War II and spent his life in Hanson running his businesses and giving back to the Town. We would like to honor John's military service and citizenship by dedicating a Memorial Square in his memory.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Bruce Young

Second: Jim McGahan

Robert Arsenault, the Town of Hanson's Veteran Agent spoke about Mr. John Ferry's life and why he deserves this honor.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to name the intersection of Winter & Liberty Street in the honor of John Ferry.

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money to provide a marker for the Memorial Square or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Veterans' Agent

Explanation: If the preceding article is approved, these funds will be used to purchase an appropriate marker and fund expenses associated with the dedication. Estimated amount \$2,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Bruce Young

Second: Jim McGahan

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$2,000 from Free Cash to provide a marker for the Memorial Square.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22 through 22F or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: This is a local option provision for the requirements of the disabled veterans under MGL, 59 Section 5, Clauses 22 through 22F.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Trish O’Kane
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to accept the provision of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22 through 22F.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to place the Smith-Nawazelski Conservation Area, Assessors Map 20, Parcel 1-1, under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of wildlife, recreation and forestry, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: The Smith-Nawazelski Conservation Area is 101 acres of gently sloping land between Poor Meadow Brook and Elm Street. It has some 1,500 feet of frontage on Poor Meadow Brook and a narrow network of walking trails, including a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail. It is across the street from the Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area.

The town acquired the property for conservation and water supply protection. At a Special Town Meeting on October 1, 2007, the Board of Selectmen was authorized to seek legislative approval to grant a Conservation Restriction (CR) to the Department of Fish and Game. Approval was received and the Consensual Order of Taking of Conservation Easement A/K/A Conservation Restriction was recorded on July 1, 2008 at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 36140 Pages 173-196. This CR, for which the town was paid \$250,000.00, now requires annual site audits by the state. The state official performing these audits has emphasized that the CR requires management of the property. It is logical for that management to be assigned to the Conservation Commission.

Placing this property under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission will allow the Commission to monitor the site and conduct activities to maintain and support the retention of the site in its natural scenic and open condition for fish and wildlife conservation, native habitat protection, public recreation, protection of scenic views and other conservation uses.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Phil Clemons
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to place the Smith-Nawazelski Conservation Area, Assessors Map 20, Parcel 1-1, under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of wildlife, recreation and forestry.

ARTICLE 24: 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 2017 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 17 Limit
<i>Assessors</i> Counter Sales of Maps	Purchase and Maintenance of maps including GIS	Board of Assessors	\$1,500
<i>Parks & Fields</i> Recycling, rental fees Repair reimbursement & Donations	Park & Field Maintenance and equipment	Parks & Fields	\$10,000
<i>Library</i> Fines, Fees and Copier Charges	Library Operations, Copier Purchase, maintenance, Repair & supplies. Printer	Board of Library	\$7,000

	Supplies. Replacement of Lost or damaged books		
<i>Senior Center</i>	Senior Center Operations	Director of	\$2,500
Events, programs and Education Seminars	Events, programs, Seminars Training & Reimbursements	Elder Affairs	
<i>Senior Center</i> Program Fees	Supportive Day Care Program	Director of Elder Affairs	\$95,000
<i>Conservation Comm.</i> Wetlands Fees	Engineering, Surveying Legal & Environmental Consulting <i>and Expenses Related to the Administra- tion and Enforcement of the Town of Hanson Wetland Protection By-law 3-13 And the rules & regulation Related thereto</i>	Conservation Commission	\$7,500
<i>Nathaniel Thomas Mill</i> Rental Fees	Maintenance & Repairs of building and grounds	Conservation	\$1,500

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. Additional uses have been added to the Conservation Commission revolving account.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenny Mitchell
Second: Don Howards

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 25: To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, a Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Town Clerk 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 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, two Water Commissioners for three years, and one question.

Question 1:

1. Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to assess an additional \$1,241,141 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying the Town's assessed share of the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget of the Whitman Hanson Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016?

Yes_____ No_____

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Don Howard

SEE: Town Election, May 21, 2016.

VOTED Aye, voice at 9:23PM to recess until Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 25 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

**Elizabeth Sloan, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk**