

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2002 Special Town Meeting

Special Town Meeting
May 6, 2002

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with James Armstrong, Donald Bernier, Joseph Westfield and Robert Hayes appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Charles O'Donnell was appointed and sworn in as Assistant Moderator to serve as such in the gymnasium, used for the Town Meeting attendees that could not be seated in the filled-to-capacity auditorium.
Town Counsel was Richard Bowen from Kopelman and Paige.

There was a quorum present with 472 voters attending the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation Section 11B line B Asst. to Police Chief as approved by the October 2, 2000 Special Town Meeting by deleting under column 7/1/01 \$13.00 - \$16.91 and in its place inserting \$13.00 to \$17.42.

Or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by Wage & Personnel

Explanation: This position was inadvertently not increased at the 2000 October Special Town Meeting when all the other positions were adjusted. This adjustment will allow for the Assistant to the Police Chief to receive a salary increase.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation Section 11B line B Asst. to Police Chief as approved by the October 2, 2000 Special Town Meeting by deleting under column 7/1/01 \$13.00 - \$16.91 and in its place inserting \$13.00 to \$17.42.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation Section 11c line G, Sealer of Weights & Measures as approved by the October 2, 2000 Special Town Meeting by deleting under column 7/1/01 \$1,190.68 and in its place inserting \$1,800.00 or take any other actions thereto.

Proposed by Wage & Personnel

Explanation: The wages for Sealer of Weights and Measures has been increased to bring the salary in line with area communities.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation Section 11c line G, Sealer of Weights & Measures as approved by the October 2, 2000 Special Town Meeting by deleting under column 7/1/01 \$1,190.68 and in its place inserting \$1,800.00.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Section 8 G by deleting the title “New Personnel and/or Job Classification” and inserting the title “Termination” or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by Wage & Personnel

Explanation: The present title is not applicable to the content of 8 G.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Section 8 G by deleting the title “New Personnel and/or Job Classification” and inserting the title “Termination”.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws, Section 12D, Vacation Leave, Section a. by deleting **Section a. Subsection 4** in its entirety and in its place inserting a new **Section a. Subsection 4** as follows:

“An employee who has completed fifteen (15) continuous years of service shall be granted twenty-five (25) days vacation leave with regular pay”

or take any other action in relate thereto.

Proposed by Wage & Personnel

Explanation: "This action would update the W&P By-Laws so that long term W&P employees could receive the equivalent number of vacation days as other town employees who are covered through a bargaining unit contract or employment contract."

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws, Section 12D, Vacation Leave, Section a. by deleting Section a. Subsection 4 in its entirety and in its place inserting a new Section a. Subsection 4 as follows:

“An employee who has completed fifteen (15) continuous years of service shall be granted twenty-five (25) days vacation leave with regular pay”

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Section 11A through 11F and inserting the new sections 11A through 11E as printed below:

Wage & Personnel 2002 Recommendations

7/1/01 7/1/02

SECTION 11 A: PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| • Director of Elder Affairs | 32,037 to 42,840 | 32,037 to 44,125 |
| • Town Accountant | 40,000 to 51,952.17 | 40,000 to 53,511 |
| • Treasurer/Collector | 40,000 to 53,500 | 40,000 to 54,117 |
| • Inspectors of Building | 35,000 to 48,000 | 35,000 to 48,000 |
| • Health Agent | 32,082-41,920 | 34,000 - 46,000 |

SECTION 11 B: ADMINSTRATIVE AND/OR FULL TIME

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| • Executive Assistant | 13.00- 17.71 | 15.00-24.00 |
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- Assistant Police Chief 13.00- 17.42 13.00 to 17.94
- Veterans Agent 7,480-12,059.46 yr 7,480 to 12,421 yr
- Reference Librarian 16.00 to 18.00 16.00 to 19.00
- Technical Service Librarian 16.00 to 18.00 16.00 to 19.00
- Youth Service Librarian 16.00 to 18.00 16.00 to 19.00
- Administrator to the Recreation 11.73 to 16.00 11.73 to 16.48

Commission

- Camp Kiwanee Caretaker 394.87 week 500.00 week
- Animal Control Officer 12.20 to 13.40 12.20 to 13.80
- Van Drivers/Aide 8.00 to 12.00 8.00 to 12.36
- Social Day Care Coordinator* 14.00 to 16.00 14.00 to 16.48

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SECTION 11 C: PART TIME POSITIONS

- Assistant Inspector of Building 13.00 to 16.48 13.00 to 16.97
- Gas Inspector 13.00 to 16.48 13.00 to 16.97
- Plumbing Inspector 13.00 to 16.48 13.00 to 16.97
- Wiring Inspector 13.00 to 16.48 13.00 to 16.97
- Civil Defense Director 932 to 1,029 932 to 1060
- Police Matron 8.28 to 9.38 8.28 to 9.66
- Community Care
- Wellness Coordinator* 10.00 to 15.00 10.00 to 10.45
- H. Outreach/Seniors* 11.00 to 16.00 11.00 to 16.48
- I. Assistant Coordinator* 8.00 to 12.00 8.00 to 12.36
- J. Volunteer Services
- Intergenerational Coordinator* 9.50 to 13.50 9.50 to 13.91
- K. Volunteer Coordinator* 12.36 12.73
- L. READ Program Coordinator 8.00 to 10.00 8.00 to 10.30
- M. Community Recreation Coordinator 8.50 8.76
- N Volunteer Driver* 25.00 per day stipend 25.00 per day
- O. Function Room Coordinator* 25.00 per day 25.00 per day
- P. Animal Inspector 1,025 to 1,195 1,025 to 1,231
- Q. Election Clerk 6.51 to 7.84 6.51 to 8.08
- Election Officer 6.30 to 7.38 6.30 to 7.60
- Election Warden 6.95 to 8.34 6.95 to 8.59
- Registrar of Voters 8.03 to 9.51 8.03 to 9.80
- Assistant Caretaker** 8.00 to 10.00 8.00 to 14.00
- Program Director** 12.00 to 16.00 12.00 to 16.00
- Sealer of Weights & Measurers 1,800.00 yr 2,500.00 yr
- Milk Inspector 140 to 155 yr 140 to 166 yr
- Custodian 11.72 to 14.35 11.72 to 14.78
- Assistant Veterans Agent 9.61 to 11.54 9.61 to 11.89
- AA.Finance Committee Secretary 8.61 to 10.05 8.61 to 10.35
- BB.Emergency Clerical Labor 8.61 to 10.05 8.61 to 10.35
- CC.Library Page Federal Minimum Fed Min

SECTION 11D: SEASONAL POSITIONS

7/1/01 7/1/02

A. Beach Director	11.33 hr	11.67 hr
B. Water Safety Instructors	9.28 hr	9.56 hr
C. Lifeguards	8.24 hr	8.49 hr
D. Boat Coordinator	7.49 hr	7.71 hr
E. Boating Instructor	8.00 hr	14.00 hr
F. Concession Worker	Fed. Min	Fed Min
G. Recreation Assistant	Fed Min	Fed Min

- Security 11.98 hr. 12.34 hr

*Positions are funded through the Multi-Service Senior Center's revolving account or grants

** Positions are funded through the Recreation Commission's revolving account.

SECTION 11E: CALL FIREFIGHTERS/OFFICERS

	7/1/01	7/1/02	
First year Call Firefighters	Tours	12.72 hr	13.10
	Drills	11.37 hr.	11.71 hr.
	Details	19.09 hr.	19.66 hr.
First year Call EMT's	Tours	13.40 hr.	13.80 hr.
	Drills	12.03 hr	12.39 hr
	Details	19.09 hr	19.66 hr
Second year Call Firefighters	Tours	13.40 hr.	13.80 hr.
	Drills	12.03 hr	12.39 hr
	Details	19.09 hr	19.66 hr
	7/1/02	7/1/03	
Second year Call EMT's	Tours	14.06 hr	14.48 hr
	Drills	12.72 hr.	13.10 hr.
	Details	21.20 hr.	21.84 hr.
Call Lieutenants	Tours	14.75 hr.	15.19 hr.
	Drills	13.40 hr.	13.80 hr.
	Details	22.10 hr.	22.76 hr.
Call Lieutenants EMT's	Tours	15.42 hr.	15.88 hr.
	Drills	14.06 hr.	14.48 hr.
	Details	23.11 hr	23.80 hr.

\$500.00 stipend will be paid in June of each fiscal year to those call firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an EMT recognized by the State and approved by the Fire Chief.

Or take any other action thereto

Proposed by Wage & Personnel

Explanation: This article is voted yearly to set the ranges for Wage & Personnel employees

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice as printed in the warrant with the following amendment:
eliminate under Section 11C, entitled "Part-time Positions" the following :

- Community Care & Wellness Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

- **Read Program Coordinator**

Function Room Coordinator

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law, Article 2-12, section 12 I, by deleting **Subsection b** and in its place inserting a new **Subsection b** as follows:

“Section 11A Professionals and Section 11 B Administrative and/or Full Time employees shall be granted three (3) days per year and all other Wage & Personnel positions shall be granted one (1) day for personal business for which he or she will be paid their normal rate with the prior approval of the employee's Department Head or Governing Board.”

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Wage & Personnel

Explanation: This amendment will provide full time Wage and Personnel professionals with the same personal days as their peers with employment contracts.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye voice to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law, Article 2-12, section 12 I, by deleting Subsection b and in its place inserting a new Subsection b as follows:

“Section 11A Professionals and Section 11 B Administrative and/or Full Time employees shall be granted three (3) days per year and all other Wage & Personnel positions shall be granted one (1) day for personal business for which he or she will be paid their normal rate with the prior approval of the employee's Department Head or Governing Board.”

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to the May 2001, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 64, Sealer of Weights Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are necessary to accommodate the salary increase recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and Wage & Personnel for the Sealer of Weights & Measures in order to bring the line up to a competitive rate with area towns. The estimated amount is \$610.00. Currently the Sealer of Weights and Measures annual salary is \$1,190.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer the sum of \$610.00 from Free Cash to be added to the May 2001, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 64, Sealer of Weights Wages

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to name the parcel of Conservation land off County Road, Lot 3B, Plan 83 as shown on the Hanson Assessors' Map and owned by the Town of Hanson, henceforth as the Brian M. Gaffey Conservation Area, with the Conservation Commission to be authorized to hold a dedicatory ceremony relative to this matter or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission
And the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen wish to honor Brian M. Gaffey, a long time member of Conservation and the Drainage Committee by naming the Conservation land in his memory.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to name the parcel of Conservation land off County Road, Lot 3B, Plan 83 as shown on the Hanson Assessors' Map and owned by the Town of Hanson, henceforth as the *Brian M. Gaffey Conservation Area*, with

the Conservation Commission to be authorized to hold a dedicatory ceremony.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sale of Town Property Account to May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 1 – Debt or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
And Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money is from the sale of the last house on the Plymouth County Hospital site, the money will be used to pay-down the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN).

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$198,500.00 from the Sale of Town Property Account to May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 1 – Debt or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or Stabilization a sum of money for emergency repair work on the existing Well and Irrigation system at Hancock Field or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Parks & Fields Commission

Explanation: Estimated cost is \$4,500.00

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Free Cash \$4,500.00 for emergency repair work on the existing Well and Irrigation system at Hancock Field.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum from free cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual town Meeting article 5 as follows:

Line 102 Support staff full-time

Or take any other action relative thereto

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These expenses are the result of the increase in fires and serious calls over the last year. Approx \$12,000 of these expenses are the direct result of answering suspicious package investigations and may yet be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. Estimated cost: \$35,000

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$35,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual town Meeting Article 5, Line 102 Support staff full-time.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum from free cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual town Meeting article 5 as follows:

Line 103 Support staff part-time

Or take any other action relative thereto

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: this is the direct result of the increase in fires and serious calls and the special training for suspicious package calls. Estimated amount \$10,000 - \$14,000.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$12,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 103, Support staff part-time.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum from free cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual town Meeting article 5 as follows:

Line 104 Fire Department expense
Repairs to vehicles
Contractual expense \$ 3,500.00

Or take any other action relative thereto

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: This is for unbudgeted expenses to repair equipment Tower1 \$2,000.00- pump transmission Ambulance 1 Electrical repair and bearings \$1,000.00. The contractual expense was for FF/P Hutchings who completed his paramedic training and was entitled to \$3,500.00 reimbursement for ½ the cost of the paramedic training. Through an oversight, the money appropriated from FY 01 was not carried over to FY '02.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer a sum from Free Cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 as follows:

Line 104 Fire Department contractual expense \$ 3,500.00

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum from free cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual town Meeting article 5 as follows:

Line 104B Building maintenance \$991.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: This was an emergency repair to the boiler at the Liberty Street station.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer a sum from Free Cash to be added to the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 as follows:

Line 104B Building maintenance \$991.00

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 118, Water Department Debt and Interest, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This money is necessary to pay for temporary borrowings during Fiscal 2002.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$18,000.00 from Water Surplus to May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 118, Water Department Debt and Interest.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 114, Water Superintendent and/or Line 117 Water Expenses to be added to the 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 115 Water Other Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This is to provide funding of a stipend to be paid to the Assistant Water Superintendent. Additionally, in the event of ratification, this article will fund the line for the settlement of Water Department's Union Contract .

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 114, Water Superintendent and/or Line 117 Water Expenses to be added to the 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 116 Water Clerical or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This is to provide funding of a stipend to be paid to the Secretary and replenish the Secretarial line for overtime. Additionally, in the event of ratification, this article will fund the line for the settlement of Water Department's Union Contract.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$7,100.00 from the 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 114, Water Superintendent, to be added to the 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 116 Water Clerical

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash or transfer from 2001 May Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 3, Interest a sum of money to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 31 Selectmen Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Approximate amount of \$500.00 to cover the cost of law book updates and periodicals and copy paper.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from available Free Cash to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 31 Selectmen Expenses.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 14 Legal Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These fund a necessary to replenish the Legal Line due to expenses incurred relative to cases involving the Board of Health, settlement of the Baran Agreement and Special Counsel regarding Conservation Land issues. Approximate cost \$35,000.00.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer a sum of \$65,000.00 from available Free Cash to be added to the 2001 Annual Town

Meeting Article 5, Line 14 Legal Expenses.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or Stabilization a sum of money to be added to 1999 May Special Town Meeting Article 7, Plymouth County Hospital Site Work to pay current year and prior year bills or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These are funds due to VHB as outlined in the October 2001 Special Town presentation for services regarding the septic systems at the residential houses on High Street and preparation for the sale of 18 acres to Baran Partners. Estimated amount \$43,000.00

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye 354, Nay 24 (4/5's achieved) to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$43,000.00 to be added to 1999 May Special Town Meeting Article 7, Plymouth County Hospital Site Work to pay current and prior year bills.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash, to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 97, Police Other Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: Retroactive wages per new police contract. Shift coverage/overtime cost for extended sick pay for two Sergeants. Estimated cost of \$15,000 - \$18,000.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00, to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 97, Police Other Wages.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 98, Police Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: Increase in costs for yearly Maintenance Agreements for police station computers \$1,882; Building maintenance \$2485, Supplies \$4,386 and costs for female and juvenile lock up. Increase in maintenance of police station and supplies. Estimated amount \$8,700.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,700.00 to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 98, Police Expenses.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 100, Emergency Communications Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: Overtime cost for extended sick leave for full time dispatcher. Estimated cost: \$4,000.00.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 100, Communication Center.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 3, Interest and/or transfer from 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, 16B, Harvester, to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 108, Town Gasoline or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: This money is needed to test and remove soil stained with number 2 heating oil in 2 separate areas at the Highway Yard in accordance with the Limited Removal Action (310 CMR 40.0318), to purchase one flammable liquid locker to store gasoline for the chain saws and lawn mowers and/or to fund this line to purchase fuel for all Town Vehicles.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, 16B, Harvester, to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 108, Town Gasoline.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,050.00 from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 3, Interest and/or transfers from the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 16B, Harvester, to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 112, Street Sweeping or take any other action in relation thereto .

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: This money is needed to sweep the streets of the winter sand.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer the sum of \$3,050.00 from available Free Cash, to be added to the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 112, Street Sweeping.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$79,884.38 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999, for continuing state aid construction of highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: State aid Chapter 90 monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road paving and reconstruction.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$79,884.38 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999, for continuing state aid construction of highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$79,108.73 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 53C of the Acts of 1999, for continuing state aid construction of highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: State aid Chapter 90 monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road paving and reconstruction.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$79,108.73 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 53C of the Acts of 1999, for continuing state aid construction of highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department .

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to transfer from free cash and/or stabilization account and/or Article 5, Line 3 of the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, a sum of money, to be added to Article 5 line 8 of the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Unemployment or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: The approximate amount will be \$13,000- \$15,000. I will have a firm figure before STM

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Article 5, Line 3, Interest, of the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting, \$15,000.00, to Article 5 line 8, Unemployment, of the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or stabilization account and/or Article 5, Line 3, Interest of the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting to Article 31 of the October 1996 Special Town Meeting (STREP) or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector and Director of Elder Affairs

Explanation: This money will fund the Senior Tax Rebate Program. There are approximately 19 in the program at the present time. The approximate amount we will be requesting is \$20,000. This will allow for the current as well as additional elderly to join the program.

Finance Committee recommends

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$20,000.00 from Article 5, Line 3, Interest, of the May 2001 Annual Town Meeting to Article 31 of the October 1996 Special Town Meeting , STREP, also known as the strep program.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson Zoning Bylaws, and delete Section VII.B.5, in its entirety, and insert the following: The Planning Board shall determine adequate access for that portion of a lot used as qualifying lot frontage and that frontage shall be the actual access for that lot for vehicles, water service and other normal uses of lot frontage or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Zoning Bylaw Committee

Explanation: The Zoning By-Law Committee has proposed the above zoning article with this provision that clearly defines adequate access to a lot is required and is determined by the Planning Board.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

VOTED Aye 369, Nay 2 (2/3's achieved) to amend the Hanson Zoning Bylaws, and delete Section VII.B.5, in its entirety, and insert the following: *The Planning Board shall determine adequate access for that portion of a lot used as qualifying lot frontage and that frontage shall be the actual access for that lot for vehicles, water service and other normal uses of lot frontage.*

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend Hanson Zoning Bylaw, Section II, Definitions by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order or take any other action in relation thereto:

Adequate Access: See definition of: Street.

Proposed by the Zoning Bylaw Committee

Explanation: The above definition is relative to the zoning by-law amendment proposed in the previous article.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

VOTED Aye unanimous to amend Hanson Zoning Bylaw, Section II, Definitions by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order : *Adequate Access: See definition of: Street.*

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 42G Distribution of water; payment of costs by special assessment; Section 42H Uniform rate of assessment; Section 42I Recordation of assessment to establish lien on property; amount of assessment; extension of time for payment; and Section 42K Assessment of betterments or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners and
the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Acceptance of these provisions will allow the Water Commission of the Town of Hanson to install public water system in and on private land and ways, and further to assess the costs of doing so against the private landowners and not the ratepayers.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 83, Section 26 **Sidewalks Special Assessment** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Acceptance of these provisions will allow a future Town Meeting of the Town of Hanson to install sidewalks and to assess the costs of doing so.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

VOTED Aye, voice to form a 7 member study committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to study and report on betterment and assessment laws.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to rescind a deed issued to Melody Lindsay, in contravention of law, and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 16471, Page 201 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This town-owned parcel was erroneously offered for auction in 1996 and 1998. This sale needed a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting to release it and a special petition to the General Court, but did not receive either. This property remains undisturbed and valuable as an open space parcel. The Town of Hanson has initiated legal action to recover the parcel.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to reimburse Melody Lindsay for money previously paid to the Town of Hanson to purchase land in contravention of law, known as Assessor's Map 93 Lot 7 plus statutory interest and associated costs and to reimburse Melody Lindsay for real estate taxes, upon abatement by the Department of Revenue, paid on said lot plus statutory interest or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This town-owned parcel was erroneously offered for auction in 1996 and 1998. This sale needed a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting to release it and a special petition to the General Court, but did not receive either. The Town is taking back the land and should reimburse Ms. Lindsay for money paid.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Assessors to petition the Department of Revenue to abate taxes on land purportedly owned by Melody Lindsay and more specifically known as Map 93, Lot 7.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The Town Board of Assessors does not have the statutory authority to abate real estate taxes for prior fiscal years. It does require permission by the Department of Revenue for prior fiscal year real estate tax abatement. If the Town seeks to declare null and void, the transfer of the property in 1998, then Ms. Lindsay has no responsibility to have paid real estate taxes.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to rescind a deed issued to Brian Simonelli, in contravention of law, and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 14969, Page 34, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in accordance with Article 48, General Provisions, Pt. 7, Massachusetts Constitution, to release a parcel of land, Assessor's Map 102 Lot 2 from Conservation Restrictions and to permit the sale and/or confirmation of sale, with permanent restrictive covenants, of said parcel to Brian Simonelli, et ux or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This town-owned parcel was erroneously offered for auction in 1996 and 1998. This sale needed a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting to release it and a special petition to the General Court, but did not receive either. The property has been developed and the cost of recovering greatly exceeds its value. The proposal is to allow the Simonellis to retain the land but to restrict it from further subdivision and require them to keep it as one lot.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in accordance with Article 48, General Provisions, Pt. 7, Massachusetts Constitution, to release a parcel of land, Assessor's Map 37, Lot 2 from Conservation Restrictions and to permit the sale and/or confirmation of sale, with permanent restrictive covenants, of said parcel to Jos. Sargent, et ux or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This town-owned parcel was erroneously offered for auction in 1998. This sale needed a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting to release it and a special petition to the General Court, but did not receive either. The property has never been developed and it has been merged with their existing residential parcel to keep it as one lot

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Senior Center Renovation/Construction Committee regarding the status of the Senior Center or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Heard the report of the Senior Center Renovation/Construction Committee

VOTED Aye to dissolve the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

A true copy, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk