

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2004 Special Town Meeting

Special Town Meeting
May 3, 2004

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with James Armstrong, Robert Hayes and Frank Gerraughty appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting. A silent pray was offered by the Town Meeting for the safe return of Maura Murray and in the memory of the deceased former town officials, Erma Burke, Roger DiRosario, David K. Harris, Sr., Herbert Sayce and Vincent Sica.

Selectman Catherine A. Kuchinski made a special presentation to retiring Selectman Peter J. Jones in recognition of his 25 years of service on the Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Moderator Charles W. Mann recognized and introduced State Representative Daniel Webster.

A quorum was declared present.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to pay unpaid bills from fiscal year 2003 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: There are a few unpaid bills from various departments, which were received after the end of fiscal year 2003. Requires a 9/10 vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer the sum of \$832.99 from Free Cash to pay unpaid bills from fiscal year 2003.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The actual town insurance figures were received after the May Town Meeting. All the major insurance premiums have been paid but the budget line has been exhausted. The requested amount will be used to cover pre-employment physicals, professional bonds, and adjustments to coverage throughout the year.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 7, Insurance.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added May 2002 Annual Town Meeting, Article 7, GASB 34 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The initial GASB 34 inventory has been complete. These funds will be needed for a 2003 & 2004 update.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation to be added May 2002 Annual Town Meeting, Article 7, GASB.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to Article 5 of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 106, Firefighters F/T Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The firefighter's contract was settled in November 2003. The funds are needed to pay the retroactive wages for Fiscal Year 2003. The contract funded an increase of 3% for each of the three years of the contract.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$26,700.00 to be added to Article 5 of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 106, Firefighters F/T Wages.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to Article 5 of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 106, Firefighters F/T Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article will fund the remainder of Fiscal Year 2004 as well as fund the retroactive wages from July 1, 2003 to the May Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from Free Cash \$52,270.00 to be added to Article 5 of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Line 106, Firefighters F/T Wages.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 6 Town Benefits or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is necessary as result of a settlement with the Firefighter's Union relative to their grievance regarding co-pay increases. The settlement required the Town to pay the difference between the original co-pay and the current co-pay for prescription drugs. Requires 9/10 vote.

VOTED Aye 198, Nay 26 (9/10's not achieved, motion failed) to transfer \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 6, Town Benefits.

Amendment to the vote: Due to a legal opinion issued after the Special Town Meeting dissolved stating that a 9/10's vote was not necessary the motion passed.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 93 South Shore Vo-Tech or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Due to the recalculation of the South Shore Vocational Technical School's budget the Town's assessment has been increased by \$39,746.00.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$39,746.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 109 South Shore Vo-Tech.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional to be added to the Stabilization Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds will replenish monies withdrawn from the Stabilization fund during the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting for the Whitman Hanson Regional School budget. A 2/3 vote is required.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$10,000.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash and or 2003 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment, a sum of money to be added to the 2003 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 31 Selectmen Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are necessary to cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$2,000.00 from the 2003 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment, to be added to the 2003 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 31 Selectmen Expense.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or Stabilization and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be use for the minor road improvements to private ways in accordance with Hanson General By-Laws Article 2-17, Sec. 5 Streets and Highways or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds will be used at the Highway Surveyors discretion grade and perform minor repairs to private ways in Hanson.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation to be added to the 2003 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 funds are necessary to replenish the Legal Line.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$23,300.00 from Free Cash and \$27,500.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 14 Legal Expenses.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110 Other Tuition and Transportation to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 16 Engineering or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are necessary to pay for engineering expenses for projects at the Library Senior Center. When the funding was approved for the projects the costs did not include engineering expenses.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$15,000.00 from available Free Cash to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 16 Engineering.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110 Other Tuition and Transportation to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 20 Town Building Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is requested to replenish the Town Building Expense line, which includes custodial supplies and maintenance repairs for the Town Hall, Senior Center and Library.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from available Free Cash to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 20, Town Building Expense.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 29 Selectmen's other wages to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 12 Computers Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is requested to cover the costs for computer services, repairs and upgrades as a result of the installation of the new e-mail server as well as tax bill preparation and technical support.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$8,000.00 from the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 29 Selectmen's Other Wages to be added to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 12 Computer Expenses.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash or sale of town property a sum of money to Article 5 Line 1, Debt of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen & Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: These funds would pay off the Plymouth County Land Purchase Bond Anticipation Note of \$265,500. This would save us bonding costs of approximately 30-50 Thousand Dollars.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate and transfer \$265,500.00 from free cash to Article 5 Line 1, Debt of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment the sum of money to be added to the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 94, Highway Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: These funds are needed because of the money expended early in “03” to repair the aging equipment of the highway department in preparation for the winter of “03 –04”.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$2,000.00 from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment to be added to the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 94, Highway Expenses.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition, the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 99, Street Sweeping or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay a contractor to sweep the streets of the sand that was spread for snow and ice control this past winter

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 99, Street Sweeping.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 95, Town Gasoline or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: These funds are needed as a result of the increase in gasoline and diesel fuel prices. The estimated amount of \$10,000.00 will cover the costs of fuel for Town owned vehicles.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 95, Town Gasoline.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$158,217.46 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 246 of the Acts of 2002, 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/or reconstruction.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$158,217.46 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 246 of the Acts of 2002, for continuing state aid construction of highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$158,064.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, 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/or reconstruction.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$158,064.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, for continuing state aid construction of highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Hanson will vote to transfer from free cash or available funds a sum of money for the purpose of conducting newly mandated interim year adjustments for all classes of property or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Board of Assessors

Explanation: The Department of Revenue has mandated that all cities and towns have all values at 100% as of January 1, each year. Typically Hanson adjusts valuations annually but all classes must be within 5% of the main class.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from Free Cash \$7,500.00 for the purpose of conducting newly mandated interim year adjustments for all classes of property.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or free cash a sum of money to fund retirement buy-outs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Treasurer/Collector

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

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$20,000.00 to fund retirement buy-outs.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash and/ or the 2003 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment a sum of money to Article 5 Line 42, Contracted Services of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money is needed to finish this fiscal year. It was reduced last year and the actual costs are higher. This figure may be changed at town meeting depending on what the balance in the account is.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment, \$3,000.00 to Article 5, Line 43, Contracted Services of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,166.00 from Free Cash to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 9, Reserve Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Explanation: This amount represents funds that were needed by the Highway Department and the Insurance line because of lack of a quorum at the October Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous transfer \$8,166.00 from Free Cash to be added to Article 5, Line 9, Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 88, Library Wages a sum of money to be added to Article 5, Line 89, Library Other Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Library Trustees

Explanation: This request is due to the fact that the newly hired director was not hired until September 23, 2003. The transfer of monies of approximately \$5,000 from the director's line is being used to pay vacation coverage and additional hours for the part time clerical staff.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$4,425.81 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 88, Library Wages to be added to Article 5, Line 89, Library Other Wages.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition and/or transfer from Line 8, Unemployment, a sum of money to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 102, Police Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: This is to cover the monthly charges for the Police Department for expenses for the balance of this fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment, to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 102, Police Expenses.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the May 2003, Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition a sum of money to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 103 Communication Center Salaries or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: These funds are needed to meet the salary obligations for the balance of this fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$4,000.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 110, Other Tuition and Transportation to be added to the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 103, Communication Center Salaries.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the purpose of financing the

following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitations all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health and Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: We are seeking an additional \$400,000.00 from the trust for a second round of betterments. Requires a 2/3 vote, as it is a borrowing.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous that the town appropriate \$400,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and /or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitations all costs thereof as defined in section 1 of Chapter 29C of General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$400,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G.L. C.111, s 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any Federal or State Aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote passed under Article 20 of the warrant for the May 7, 2001 Special Town Meeting, which vote authorized a borrowing of \$500,000 for the installation of water mains on Main Street, to authorize the use of the proceeds of such borrowing for the installation of water mains on other streets and roads in the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: Bids for the work on Main Street were lower than expected. Therefore there are funds available to enable us to address work on other water mains in the Town that require our attention.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to amend the vote passed under Article 20 of the warrant for the May 7, 2001 Special Town Meeting, which vote authorized a borrowing of \$500,000 for the installation of water mains on Main Street, to authorize the use of the proceeds of such borrowing for the installation of water mains on other streets and roads in the Town

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or transfer from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 107, Fire Department Support Staff Part-time and/or May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 108B, Lease/Purchase to Article 5, Line 108 Fire Department Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: This request is for approximately \$5,000.00 to cover the normal operating expenses for the remainder of FY 2004. There were three large expenses which depleted Line 108. The roof leak, steering system repair to the tower truck and the repair to the alarm room.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous transfer \$4,100.00 from the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 107, Fire Department Support Staff Part-time and \$3,900.00 from

Line 108B, Lease/Purchase to be added to Article 5, Line 108 Fire Department Expense.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept a parcel of land known as Assessor's Map 37, Lot 2 from Joseph R. & Sheryl Sargent for the sum of \$1,500.00 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This town-owned parcel was erroneously offered and sold at auction in 1998. The original sale of the parcel did not received the required a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting to release it from Conservation Status nor did it receive the essential approval from the General Court. Mr. & Mrs. Sargent will deed the property back to the Town and the Town will reimburse Mr. & Mrs. Sargent the sale price of the parcel as well as taxes paid since 1998.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to authorize the Selectmen to accept a parcel of land known as Assessor's Map 37, Lot 2 from Joseph R. and Sheryl Sargent for the sum of \$1,500.00 and that the land be turned into Conservation Land.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,500 for the reimbursement to Joseph and Sheryl Sargent for the transfer for the of property located at Assessors' Map 37, Lot 2 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are necessary to complete the transfer of the parcel referenced in the preceding article. Requires 2/3 vote

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,500 for the reimbursement to Joseph and Sheryl Sargent for the transfer for the of property located at Assessors' Map 37, Lot 2.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash, or transfer from stabilization the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand) to layout Holmes Terrace in anticipation of it being accepted as a public way or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Scott Petersen and
137 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye 94, Nay 116 (motion failed) to transfer from stabilization the sum of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand) to layout Holmes Terrace in anticipation of it being accepted as a public way.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash and/or Stabilization Fund to pay for the removal of the structure and surface of the Hanson Community Playground located behind Maquan Elementary School. These costs include the labor associated with dismantling of the structure and removal of the soil, the rental of the dumpsters to put the material in and the disposal of the material at the construction and debris landfill or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Erin Fox and
151 Others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye 150, Nay 62 (2/3's achieved) to transfer the sum of \$14,000 from the Stabilization Fund to pay for the removal of the structure and surface of the Hanson Community Playground located behind Maquan Elementary School. These costs include the labor associated with dismantling of the structure and removal of the soil, the rental of the dumpsters to put the material in and the disposal of the material at the construction and debris landfill.

ARTICLE 35 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Sections 11A through 11E in its entirety and inserting the new Sections 11A through 11E as printed below:

Wage & Personnel 2005 Recommendations

SECTION 11 A: PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

7/1/03 **7/1/04**

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| • Director of Elder Affairs | 32,000 to 48,500 | 32,000 to 48,500 |
| • Town Accountant | 40,000 to 60,000 | 40,000 to 60,000 |
| • Treasurer/Collector | 40,000 to 60,000 | 40,000 to 60,000 |
| • Inspectors of Building | 35,000 to 55,000 | 35,000 to 55,000 |
| • Health Agent | 35,000 to 55,000 | 35,000 to 55,000 |

SECTION 11 B: ADMINSTRATIVE AND/OR FULL TIME

7/1/03 **7/1/04**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Executive Assistant | 15.00 to 24.00 | 15.00 to 24.00 |
| • Assistant to Police Chief | 15.00 to 22.00 | 15.00 to 22.00 |
| • Veterans Agent | 7,480 to 12,421 yr | 7,480 to 12,421 yr |
| • Reference Librarian | 16.00 to 22.00 | 16.48 to 22.66 |
| • Youth Service Librarian | 16.00 to 22.00 | 16.48 to 22.66 |
| • Animal Control Officer | 12.20 to 14.22 | 12.57 to 14.65 |
| • Van Drivers/Aide | 8.00 to 12.73 | 8.24 to 13.11 |
| • Social Day Care Coordinator* | 14.00 to 16.97 | 14.42 to 17.48 |

I. Camp Kiwanee Caretaker	515.00 wk.	530.45 wk.
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SECTION 11 C: PART TIME POSITIONS

7/1/03 **7/1/04**

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| A. Assistant Inspector of Building | 13.00 to 17.31 | 13.39 to 17.83 |
| B. Gas Inspector | 13.00 to 17.31 | 13.39 to 17.83 |
| C. Plumbing Inspector | 13.00 to 17.31 | 13.39 to 17.83 |
| D. Wiring Inspector | 13.00 to 17.31 | 13.39 to 17.83 |
| E. Civil Defense Director | 932 to 1,081 | 960 to 1,114 yr |
| F. Police Matron | 8.28 to 9.85 | 8.53 to 10.15 |
| G. Outreach/Seniors* | 11.00 to 16.81 | 11.33 to 17.31 |
| H. Assistant Coordinator* | 8.00 to 12.61 | 8.24 to 12.99 |
| I. Volunteer Services | | |
| Intergenerational Coordinator* | 9.50 to 14.19 | 9.79 to 14.62 |
| J. Community Recreation Coordinator | 8.94 | 9.21 |
| K. Volunteer Driver* | 25.00 per day stipend | 25.00 per day |
| L. Animal Inspector | 1,025 to 1,256 | 1,056 to 1,294 |
| M. Election Clerk | 6.51 to 8.24 | 8.49 hr |

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| • Election Officer | 6.30 to 7.99 | 8.23 |
| • Election Warden | 6.95 to 8.76 | 9.02 |
| • Registrar of Voters | 8.03 to 10.00 | 8.27 to 10.30 |
| • Assistant Caretaker** | 8.00 to 14.28 | 8.24 to 14.71 |
| • Sealer of Weights & Measurers | 2,550.00 yr | 2,627.00 yr |
| • Milk Inspector | 140 to 169 yr | 144 to 174 yr |

• Assistant Veterans Agent	9.61 to 12.13	9.90 to 12.49
U. Finance Comm. Secretary	8.61 to 10.56	8.87 to 10.88
V. Emergency Clerical Labor	8.61 to 10.56	8.87 to 10.88

SECTION 11D: SEASONAL POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/03</u>	<u>7/1/04</u>
A. Beach Director	11.90 hr	12.26 hr
B. Water Safety Instructor	9.75 hr	10.04 hr
C. Lifeguards	8.66 hr	8.92 hr
D. Boat Coordinator	7.86 hr	8.10 hr
E. Boating Instructor	14.28 hr	14.71 hr
F. Concession Worker	Fed. Min	Fed Min
G. Recreation Assistant	Fed Min	Fed Min
H. Security	12.59 hr.	12.97 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

	<u>7/1/03</u>	<u>7/1/04</u>
First year Call Firefighters	Tours 13.36 hr	13.76 hr.
Drills	11.94 hr.	12.30 hr.
Details	20.05 hr.	20.65 hr.
First year Call EMT	Tours 14.08 hr.	14.50 hr.
Drills	12.64 hr	13.02 hr
Details	20.05 hr	20.65 hr
Second year Call Firefighters	Tours 14.08 hr.	14.50 hr.
Drills	12.64 hr	13.02 hr
Details	20.05 hr	20.65 hr

	<u>7/1/03</u>	<u>7/1/04</u>
Second year Call EMT	Tours 14.77 hr	15.21 hr
Drills	13.36 hr.	13.76 hr.
Details	22.28 hr.	22.95 hr.
Call Lieutenants	Tours 15.49 hr.	15.95 hr.
Drills	14.08 hr.	14.50 hr.
Details	23.22 hr.	23.92 hr.
Call Lieutenants EMT	Tours 16.20 hr.	16.69 hr.
Drills	14.77 hr.	15.21 hr.
Details	24.28 hr	25.01 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, unanimous Article 35 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 33, Section 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's Agent &
Wage & Personnel

Explanation: This would increase Military Leave from two weeks to 34 days for Annual Training for Reservists.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous Article 36 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws Article 2-12 "Classification and Compensation" Section 12H, Military Leave, by deleting the words "*two weeks*" and replace them with the words "*thirty-four days*" or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's Agent &
Wage & Personnel

Explanation: If the above article is voted in the affirmative then the Wage & Personnel bylaw must be amended as presented.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Article 37 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 1., Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, Massachusetts General Laws or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's Agent &
Wage & Personnel

Explanation: This Act provides compensation and other benefits to employees of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and municipalities who have been called into active military service after September 11, 2001. This Act makes provisions for the payment of the difference between military pay and the state/municipalities base pay, if the state/municipalities base pay is higher. In addition, any individual shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personnel leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous Article 38 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-Laws Article 2 – 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING ALL DEPARTMENTS BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND ELECTED OFFICERS, by adding at the beginning of Section 1 the following:

All elected Boards, Committees, Commissions and Officers shall reorganize at their first meeting following the Annual Town Elections and all appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions shall reorganize each year at their first meeting following June 30th.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article ensures that all newly elected and appointed officials participate in the reorganization of their respected Board, Commission or Committee.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to amend the Hanson General By-Laws Article 2 – 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING ALL DEPARTMENTS BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND ELECTED OFFICERS, by adding at the beginning of Section 1 the following:

All elected Boards, Committees, Commissions and Officers shall reorganize at their first meeting following the Annual Town Elections and all appointed Boards, Committees, and Commissions shall reorganize each year at their first meeting following June 30th.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the town will vote to transfer to the care custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission for all purposes included in G.L Ch. 40 & 8C the following parcel of land located on the southerly side of West Washington Street, shown on Assessors Plan 92, Lot 23 containing 8.18 acres more or less or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: This 8.18 acre parcel abuts a 54.4 acre parcel under the control of the Conservation Commission. When joined together the parcels will provide 62.58 acres of an open space area extending from County Road to West Washington Street. The parcel was acquired by a Land Court Final Judgment in Tax Lien Case for the Town of Hanson, July 12, 1999. Requires: Town Meeting adoption by a two-thirds vote. Treasurer's deed to record the vote at the Registry of Deeds

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer to the care custody, management and control of the Conservation Commission for all purposes included in G.L Ch. 40 & 8C the following parcel of land located on the southerly side of West Washington Street, shown on Assessors Plan 92, Lot 23 containing 8.18 acres more or less.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way Joshua Lane and to see if the Town will further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hanson, and to transfer from free cash the sum of \$1.00 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Joshua Lane as shown on the plan entitled "Roadway Asbuilt Plan, Joshua Lane in Hanson and East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, prepared for Edward Johnson dated July 25, 2002 revised August 20, 2002, prepared by Land Planning, Inc."

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Joshua Lane has been constructed in accordance with Town standards and the Planning Board and Highway Surveyor have recommended acceptance. The subdivision control law contemplates that towns will accept as public ways all such roads, which are constructed in conformance with local standards while they are still in good condition.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to accept as a Town way Joshua Lane as printed in the warrant .

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote, for the purpose of making certain roadway improvements, to accept the altered layout of Roller Coaster Road and Old Cross Street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Layout

Plan of Land located on Old Cross Street & Roller Road Hanson, Massachusetts” dated 4/17/02, prepared by Land Planning , Inc. (“Plan”) and recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan Book 45, Page 1151 and filed with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the necessary land or easements to effect said layout as so altered all as shown on the Plan, by gift, purchase of eminent domain, and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money to defray the cost of such acquisition; and further to discontinue those portions of Roller Coaster Road and Old Cross Street that lie outside of the altered way and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release any right, title or interest the Town may have in said discontinued portions as shown on the Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
And the Private Road Oversight Comm.

Explanation: This layout will permit future intersection improvement to improve the line of sight at the intersection and reduce the number of access points to improve public safety.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous for the purpose of making certain roadway improvements, to accept the altered layout of Roller Coaster Road and Old Cross Street as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way, Catherine Road and to see if the Town will further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hanson or take any other action in relation thereto.

Catherine Road as shown on the plan entitled “As built Plan of Land of Catherine Road, dated September 21, 2001, and revised June 14, 2002 prepared by Russell A. Wheatley Co., Inc.”

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Catherine Road has been constructed in accordance with Town standards and the Planning Board and Highway Surveyor have recommended acceptance. The subdivision control law contemplates that towns will accept as public ways all such roads, which are constructed in conformance with local standards while they are still in good condition.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to accept as a Town way, Catherine Road as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement for access and utilities on a portion of Town-owned property, which property is located on High Street and described in a deed recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 18114, Page 1, and which portion is shown as “50’ Access Easement 15405± Sq. Ft. 0.35 Acres” on a plan entitled “Approval Not Required Plan of Land in Hanson, MA Prepared for Baran Partners,” dated October 28, 2003, prepared by SITEC, on such terms and conditions and for such monetary consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Selectmen may determine or to take any other action relative thereto.

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Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article serves as a house keeping matter. The parcel transferred to Baran included two separate entrances one on High Street and the second on Pierce Avenue. During the permitting process, the Planning Board required the Pierce Avenue entrance be closed. The property also included an easement on High Street to the hospital portion of the property. The Town wishes to grant that easement to Baran Partners to use as a second entrance to the independent living facility.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent easement for access and utilities on a portion of Town-owned property which property is located on High Street as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land, parcels and/or

rights of land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements for the Franklin Street project according to plan entitled **“The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department; Reconstruction of Franklin Street (Route 27); in the town of East Bridgewater; Plymouth County.”**

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by Guertin Elkerton & Associates on behalf of Mass. Highway dated April 2004 Titled The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department; Reconstruction of Franklin Street (Route 27); in the town of East Bridgewater; Plymouth County.”

Parcel E-1 Steven Alexander Trust, 2,941 square feet;

Parcel E-2 Steven Alexander Trust 3,200 square feet;

Parcel E-6 Frederick Smith Trust, 1,518 square feet;

Parcel E-7 George & Eileen Buckley 1,690 square feet

Parcel E-8 Richard and Carin Murley Realty Trust 1,400 square feet;

Parcel E-9 Richard and Carin Murley Realty Trust 1,400 square feet;

Further to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to defray any associated right of way expenses connected with the project or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article will provide for the taking of a parcel of land along West Washington Street to the intersection of Routes 14 & 27 in order to effectuate the redesign and installation of traffic signals at the intersection. While a majority of the construction is within the East Bridgewater Town limits, a small portion is along Hanson’s boundaries.

VOTED Aye unanimous to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land, parcels and/or rights of land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way as printed in the warrant and further to transfer \$5,000.00 from free cash.

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

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk