

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

## **Special Town Meeting - May 5, 1997**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
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Moderator Charles Mann called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Memorial Auditorium, Indian Head School with Richard Powers, Michael Regan and Edward Gronlund appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Town Counsel was Barbara Saint Andre from Kopelman and Paige.

The Moderator declared a quorum to be present.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3000.00 from the Police Revolving Account and or transfer from available free cash, to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 98, Police Expenses, to cover the costs of the Sergeant's exam for the Police Dept. or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Chief of Police

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$3,000 from Police Revolving Account to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 98, Police Expense to cover the cost of the sargeant's exam for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$36,855.00 from the Sale of Town Owned Property; \$22,950.00 from the 1995 Annual Town Meeting, Article 8, Winter St. Dam; \$2481.23 from the 1992 Special Town Meeting Article 7 Communication Center; and \$850.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 12, Indian Head School Asbestos Removal for a total of \$63,136.23 into the Capital Improvement Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$36,855.00 from the Sale of Town Owned Property; \$22,950.00 from the 1995 Annual Town Meeting, Article 8, Winter St. Dam; \$2,481.23 from the 1992 Special Town Meeting, Article 7 Communication Center; and \$850.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12, Indian Head School Asbestos Removal for a total of \$63,136.23 into the Capital Improvement Fund.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund for the engineering supervision and construction of a fire alarm system at the Maquan School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$65,500.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the

engineering supervision and construction of a fire alarm system at the Maquan School.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson General By-Laws, Article 1-1, Sec. 1A by deleting in the second sentence the words "Saturday preceding the third Monday" and in its place insert the words "third Saturday" or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye unanimous to amend the Town of Hanson General Bylaws, Article 1-1, Section 1A by deleting in the second sentence the words "Saturday preceding the third Monday" and in its place insert the words "third Saturday".

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to purchase water main to be installed at various locations throughout the town or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$75,000.00 from Water Surplus Account to purchase water mains to be installed at various locations throughout the town.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to fund an engineering and design contract for a Water Department Office and Garage or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

VOTED Aye 56, Nay 101 (motion defeated) to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to fund an Engineering and Design Contract for a Water Department Office and Garage.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to fund a Master Plan for the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

VOTED to hold Article 7 until the end of the meeting.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting, a sum of money to Article 5, Line 13 Postage, of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to appropriate and transfer from Article 5, Line 8, Unemployment of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting \$6,000.00 to Article 5, Line 13, Postage of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 175th Anniversary Gift Fund \$500.00 for the restoration of the Weights and Measures Cabinet or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the 175th Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the 175th Anniversary Gift Fund towards the restoration of the Town's Weights and Measures Cabinet.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 175th Anniversary Gift Fund a sum of money for the refurbishing of the Nathaniel Mill or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the 157th Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$1,546.02 from the 175th Anniversary Gift Fund towards the refurbishing of the Nathaniel Thomas Mill.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 175th Anniversary Gift Fund \$2,000.00 to the 200th Anniversary Gift Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the 175th Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the 175th Anniversary Gift Fund to establish the 200th Anniversary Gift Fund.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash a sum of money to be added to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 106, Highway Wages, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from available Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 to be added to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 106, Highway Wages.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from 1996 October Sp. Town Meeting, Article 10, Stickers, \$1000.00 to pay for a permanent easement adjacent to the Highway Department off Indian Head Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the 1996 October Special Town Meeting, Article 10, Stickers, \$1,000.00 to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire and pay for a permanent easement adjacent to the Highway Department off Indian Head Street.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$191.25 from 1996 October Town Meeting, Article 10, Stickers, and transfer \$32.00 from 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 20, Indian Trail Bounds, and transfer \$130.75 from 1995 October Special Town Meeting, Article 8, Fire Dept. Training for a total of \$354.00 to pay for damages sustained to private property by a Town vehicle or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$191.25 from 1996 October Town Meeting, Article 10, Stickers, and transfer \$32.00 from 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 20, Indian Trail Bounds, and transfer

\$130.75 from 1995 October Special Town Meeting, Article 8, Fire Dept. Training for a total of \$354.00 to pay for damages sustained to private property by a Town vehicle.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1500 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 5, County Retirement to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 16, Engineering or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$1,500.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 5, County Retirement to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 16, Engineering.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 5, County Retirement for the purpose of constructing a parking area for the Girls Soft Ball Field adjacent to L.Z.Thomas on Main St. or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Park and Fields

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$700.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 5, County Retirement for the purpose of constructing a parking area for the Girls Softball Field adjacent to L.Z. Thomas on Main Street.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$15,000.00 from Plymouth County Retirement, Line 5, Article 5 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 94, Other Tuition and Transportation of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: \$45,000 was budgeted, tuition was \$51,425 and transportation \$7,200 +.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$15,000.00 from Plymouth County Retirement, Line 5, Article 5 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 94, Other Tuition and Transportation of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 14, Legal or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$5,000.00 from available Free Cash to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 14, Legal.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4131.00 from the Ambulance Fund and transfer \$6219.00 from the 1996 Article 5 Line 80, Elder Affairs Other Wages to 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 30, Selectmen Clerical Wages, to pay the salaries of employees who were transferred into the Clerical Union or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$4,131.00 from the Ambulance Fund and transfer \$6,219.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 80, Elder Affairs Other Wages to 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 30, Selectmen Clerical Wages, to pay the salaries of employees who were transferred into the Clerical Union.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise from taxation, transfer from free cash or raise through borrowing the sum of \$36,055 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under the provisions of Chapter 204, Acts of 1996 for continuing State Aid Construction of Public Highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the State Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$36,055 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under the provisions of Chapter 204, Acts of 1996 for continuing State Aid Construction of Public Highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the State Highway Department.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from County Retirement \$45.00 to cover an unpaid bill for the prior fiscal year or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 5, County Retirement, \$45.00 to cover an unpaid bill for the prior fiscal year.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash a sum of money to be added to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 102, Firefighters Fulltime Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of the Fire Department

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 102, Firefighters Full-time.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$300.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 86, Veterans Benefits, to Article 5, Line 85, Veterans Expenses of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veterans Agent

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$300.00 from the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 86, Veterans Benefits, to Article 5, Line 85, Veteran's Expenses.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available free cash the sum of \$3500.00 for the purpose of hiring a consultant in the preparation of a master plan for the Town or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation: A master plan is a comprehensive long-range plan intended to guide the growth and development of a community. This plan includes analysis, recommendations, and proposals for the community's population, economy, housing, transportation, community facilities, and land use.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye voice to transfer \$3,500.00 from available Free Cash to hire a consultant in the preparation of a master plan for the Town.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to delete Sections 12A through Sections 12F, of the Personnel Classification and Compensation By-Law of the General By-Laws and in their place insert new Sections 12A through Section 12F:

SECTION 12A: ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY POSITIONS

	7/1/96	7/1/97
a. Director of Elder Affairs	28,965 to 35,000	30,037 to 36,295
b. Town Accountant	33,021 to 43,302	34,243 to 44,905
c. Treasurer/Collector	34,759 to 44,849	36,045 to 46,509
d. Inspector of Buildings	15.00 to 20.00 hr.	28,264 to 36,540

SECTION 12B: ADMINISTRATIVE AND PART TIME POSITIONS

	7/1/96	7/1/97
a. Management Ass't to Brd. of Selectmen	--	28,319/15.50 hr.
b. Asst. to Police Chief	20,280/11.10 to 23,904/13.09 hr.	21,029/11.51 to 24,793/13.57 hr.
c. Children's Librarian	22,838/12.50 hr.	23,546/12.89 hr.
d. Asst. Insp. of Buildings	10.50 to 11.59 hr.	10.85 to 11.97 hr.
e. Gas Inspector	10.50 to 11.59 hr.	10.85 to 11.97 hr.
f. Plumbing Inspector	10.50 to 11.59 hr.	10.85 to 11.97 hr.
g. Wiring Inspector	10.50 to 11.59 hr.	10.85 to 11.97 hr.
h. Health Agent	14.94 to 16.50 hr.	15.43 to 17.04 hr.
i. Veterans Agent	7,030 to 9,026 yr.	7,262 to 9,324 yr.
j. Civil Defense Director	876 to 967 yr.	905 to 999 yr.
l. Social Day Care Coordinator	10.16 hr.	10.54 hr.
m. Camp Kiwanee Rental/Program Coordinator	10.44 hr.	10.78 hr.

SECTION 12C OTHER PART TIME POSITIONS

	7/1/96	7/1/97
a. Animal Control Officer	11.60 hr.	11.96 hr.
b. Animal Inspector	965 to 1,066 yr.	995 to 1,099 yr.
c. Election Clerk	6.13 to 6.78 hr.	6.32 to 6.99 hr.
d. Election Officer	5.94 to 6.59 hr.	6.12 to 6.79 yr.
e. Election Warden	6.55 to 7.23 hr.	6.75 to 7.45 yr.
f. Registrar of Voters	7.57 to 8.50 hr.	7.80 to 8.76 yr.
g. Sealer of Weights & Measurers	1,031 yr.	1,063 yr.
h. Milk Inspector	132 to 145 yr.	136 to 150 yr.
i. Custodian	11.04 to 12.42 hr.	11.38 to 12.81 hr.
j. Police Matron	7.80 to 8.61 hr.	8.04 to 8.88 hr.
k. Asst Veterans Agent	9.05 to 9.99 hr.	9.33 to 10.30 hr.
l. Finance Committee Secretary	8.11 to 8.95 hr.	8.36 to 9.23 hr.
m. Emergency Clerical Labor	8.11 to 8.95 hr.	8.36 to 9.23 hr.
n. Camp Kiwanee Caretaker	341.95 wk.	352.55 wk.
o. Library Page	--	Federal
Minimum		

SECTION 12D: SEASONAL POSITIONS

	7/1/96	7/1/97
a. Beach Director	8.87 hr.	9.15 hr.
b. Water Safety Instructor	7.07 hr.	7.29 hr.

c. Lifeguard	6.64 hr	6.85 hr.
d. Boat Coordinator	6.64 hr	6.85 hr.
e. Concession Worker	5.53 hr	5.70 hr.
f. Recreation assistants	4.75 hr (Fed Min)	Fed. Min.
e. Security	10.62 hr	10.95 hr.

SECTION 12E: TRANSPORTERS	7/1/96	7/1/97
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Van Driver/Aide	15,530/8.50	16,005/8.76
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SECTION 12F: CALL FIRE FIGHTERS/OFFICERS	7/1/96	7/1/97
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First yr. Call Firefighters		
Tours	11.35 hr.	11.70 hr.
Drills	10.15 hr.	10.46 hr.
Details	17.02 hr.	17.55 hr.
First yr. Call EMT's		
Tours	11.95 hr.	12.32 hr.
Drills	10.74 hr.	11.07
Details	17.02 hr.	17.55 hr.
Second yr. Call Firefighters		
Tours	11.95 hr.	12.32 hr.
Drills	10.74 hr.	11.07
Details	17.02 hr.	17.55 hr.
Second yr Call EMT'S		
Tours	12.54 hr.	12.93
Drills	11.35 hr.	11.70 hr.
Details	18.82 hr.	19.40 hr.
Call Lieutenants		
Tours	13.15 hr.	13.56 hr.
Drills	11.95 hr.	12.32 hr.
Details	19.71 hr.	20.32 hr.
Call Lieutenants EMT'S		
Tours	13.74 hr.	14.17 hr.
Drills	12.54 hr.	12.93 hr.
Details	20.61 hr.	21.25

hr.

A \$500 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.

VOTED Aye voice to delete Sections 12A through Sections 12F of the Personnel Classification and Compensation Bylaw of the General Bylaws and in their place insert new sections 12A through Sections 12F as printed in the warrant.

The meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:59 p.m. to act on Article 7.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to fund a Master Plan for the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 7.

The meeting was dissolved at 10 p.m.

A true copy, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC  
Town Clerk