

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Special Town Meeting - October 6, 1997

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Moderator Charles Mann called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium, Indian Head School with Joseph O'Sullivan, Edward Gronlund and James Armstrong appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Town Counsel was Everett Marder from Kopelman and Paige.

The colors were presented by Boy Scout Troop 34 and the meeting was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Boy Scouts Patrick Hill, Donald Warner, Andrew Muldowney, Reid Barber, James Clifford and Andrew Duhaime.

A moment of silence was observed for deceased Town Officials Horace Atwood, Angela Erben, Peter Nawazelski and Dorothy Wenz.

ARTICLE 1 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 5, line 7, Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$8,000 to be added to Article 5, line 94, Other Tuition and Transportation, of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Students enrolled after the May Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Article 5, line 7, Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$8,000.00 to be added to Article 5, line 94, Other Tuition and Transportation, of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

Lawrence House questioned the quorum and after a count by the tellers the meeting was put into recess at 7:42 p.m. because only 91 were counted as present.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. when a quorum was achieved.

ARTICLE 2 : To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a water easement off E. Washington Street into the new Middle School property or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye unanimous to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a water easement off E. Washington Street into the new Middle School property.

ARTICLE 3 : To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the Police Department and to transfer a sum of money from Article 5, line 7, Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the Police Department and to transfer \$2,000.00 from Article 5, line 7, Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance to Article 5, Line 101 Fire Chief Wages of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$14,000.00 from Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance to Article 5, Line 101 Fire Chief Wages of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,000. from Article 5, Line 7 Town Insurance, of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 107 Highway Expenses of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This Article will fund the federal regulations requiring A Drug Testing Program for those employees holding specific types of licenses.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$1,000.00 from Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance, of May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 107 Highway Expenses of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$3,500.00 to carry out the intentions of the Self-Help Program, and to provide outreach services for the Town, to be administered by the Council for Elder Affairs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Council for Elder Affairs

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance, of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$3,500.00 to carry out the intentions of the Self-Help Program and to provide Outreach Services for the town to be administered by the Council for Elder Affairs.

ARTICLE 7 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5 Line 79, Elder Affairs Wages, of the May Annual Town Meeting to be added to Article 5 Line 24 Elder Affairs Building Maintenance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Council on Elder Affairs

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$735.00 from Article 5, Line 79, Elder Affairs Wages of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to be added to Article 5, Line 24, Elder Affairs Building Maintenance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 5 Line 7 of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of placement of Veteran's Memorial Markers or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's Agent

Explanation: Replacement of Memorial Marker at the corner of Pleasant and South Streets.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of placement of Veteran's Memorial markers.

ARTICLE 9 : To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to replace the flat roof area at the Liberty Street Fire Headquarters or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to replace the flat roof at the Liberty Street Fire Station.

ARTICLE 10: To See if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5 Line 3 interest to Article 5 Line 1 Debt, or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$11,000.00 from Article 5, Line 3, Interest of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 1, Debt of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-Laws by adding a new section (4) to Article 3-1 "Regulations of the Board of Health" as follows: To require mandatory recycling in accordance with the Hanson Board of Health Recycling Program.

Proposed by the Board of Health

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000. from Article 5 Line 7 Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to the Park and Field Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by The Parks and Fields Committee

Explanation: These funds will be utilized to build a basketball court, parking and redo fencing at Hancock Field.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from Article 5, Line 7 Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to the Park and Field Committee.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 5, Line 74, Disposal area Operations, a sum of money to be added to the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5 Line 76, Board of Health Other Salary & Wages, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: Additional funds needed for retired Health Agent's sick time buy back and vacation pay.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Article 5, Line 74, Disposal Area Operations, the amount of \$3,700.00 to be added to the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 76, Board of Health Other Salary and Wages.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000. from Article 5, Line 7 Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 112 Street Sweeping of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 112 Street Sweeping of the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8960.30 from free cash or the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 7, Town Insurance, to be added to the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 30, Selectmen Clerical Wages, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$8,960.30 from Free Cash to be added to the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 30, Selectmen Clerical Wages.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Water Surplus account to fund the meter replacement program or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, the um of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of water meters.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available free cash a sum of money to be added to the stabilization fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$200,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

VOTED Aye at 9:00 p.m. to dissolve the meeting.

A true copy, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC
Town Clerk