



Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
**Hanson Board of Selectmen**  
Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall  
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

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**Members Present:** James Hickey, Matthew Dyer, Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Joseph Weeks, Kenny Mitchell  
**Members Absent:**  
**Others Present:** Lisa Green, Town Administrator; Lucia Silveira, Executive Assistant

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dyer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mr. Weeks read the public announcements and upcoming meetings.

Mr. Dyer announced that the Board of Selectmen has entered into an agreement with Town Administrator, Lisa Green, to extend a 2-year contract ending June 2024.

**MOTION** by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Joe Weeks to approve Town Administrator's contract. **Voted 5-0**

**III NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposed Town Articles**

Chairman Dyer read off the first draft of the Town Articles, so that everyone is aware of what is being proposed. *(Please note that this is a very rough draft. Please contact the Town Administrator's office with any questions).* The following are the proposed warrant articles:

- **ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.  
*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*
- **ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2023 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F; or take any other action in relation thereto.  
*\*Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector*
- **ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as follows; or take any other

action in relation thereto: Town Clerk FY22 \$73,436.00 FY23 \$75,639.00.

*\*Proposed by Town Administrator*

- **ARTICLE 4:** To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayment Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, and Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2023 Fiscal Year**; or take any other action in relation thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 5:** To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, and Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2023 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt Mass. General Laws, Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a meals tax of .75% to take effect October 1, 2022 or take any other action in relation thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the purchase of a generator for the Transfer Station.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Health*

- **ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the purchase of a generator for the Library/Senior Center.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to require all elected and appointed boards to videotape their meetings.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to commission a study regarding Town Hall Administrative Staff and efficiencies that might be gained by cross training and shared software.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash to install security cameras around all perimeters of Town Hall town property.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 12:** To see if the town will create the position of a part time Administrative Assistant for the Board of Selectmen's Office.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to create the position of Grant Writer/Procurement Officer with an annual salary range of \$60,000-\$75,000. The

position would be funded and filled at a later date when budget funds are available and approved by Town Meeting.

*\*Proposed by the Economic Development Committee*

- **ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws of the Town of Hanson to change the title of the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board”.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

- **ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or bond a sum or money to demolish the former Maquan Elementary School.

*\*Proposed by the Maquan Reuse Committee*

- **ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Woodward & Curran Agreement (\$42,750) which is subject to Town Meeting approval listed in Article 2-1, section 2 of the Town’s General Bylaws. This upgrade would replace the existing SCADA PC with a new Windows 10 PC and upgrade the existing SCADA software to the latest versions.

*\*Proposed by the Hanson Water Department*

- **ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Section 11E and inserting a new Section 11E.

*\*Proposed by the Hanson Fire Chief*

- **ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$17,000.00 from free cash to fund promotional exams for Fire Department Deputy Chief and Lieutenant or take other action in relation thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Hanson Fire Chief*

- **ARTICLE 19:** 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 and inserting a new Section 11A.

*\*Proposed by the Library Director*

- **ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during Fiscal Year 2023, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, or take any other action relative thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Recreation Commission*

- **ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2023, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as shown below, or take any other action relative thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Board of Health*

- **ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of members of the Recreation Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members, or take any action relative thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Recreation Commission*

- **ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the positions of Event Coordinator and Facilities Manager at Camp Kiwanee, or take any action relative thereto.

*\*Proposed by the Recreation Commission (Placeholder)*

- **ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the development of a strategic plan.  
*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*
- **ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of money in the amount of Fourteen Thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) for grading of private gravel roads to allow fire and law enforcement services safe access.  
*\*Proposed by the Highway Department*
- **ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash the sum of money in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand dollars (\$59,000.00) to purchase and equip a Ford F250 Pick Up Truck.  
*\*Proposed by the Highway Department*
- **ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of money in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand dollars (\$240,000.00) to purchase and equip a 6-Wheel Freightliner Dump Truck and Sander.  
*\*Proposed by the Highway Department*
- **ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash the sum of money in the amount of Sixty-Six Thousand (\$66,000.00) to purchase an Infra-Red Pavement Recycler Trailer.  
*\*Proposed by the Highway Department*
- **ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of money in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand dollars (\$59,000.00) to purchase and equip a Ventrac Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sweeping Tractor.  
*\*Proposed by the Highway Department*
- **ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of money in the amount of Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$9,500.00) to for the removal and replacement of the Guardrails at the Culvert located on Reed Street. *\*Proposed by the Highway Department*
- **ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$23,000.00 to fund an existing Outreach for Seniors position at the Council on Aging, or take any action in relation thereto. *\*Proposed by the Council on Aging*
- **ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to approve \$30,000 from Community Preservation Act to fund the replacement of the fence at the Boteri baseball field complex that separates the little league field area from the highway department.  
*\*Proposed by the Conservation Protection Committee*
- **ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 for construction of a Park Perimeter Trail / Bay Circuit Trail relocation onto the former Plymouth County Hospital property, as the necessary preliminary step for reimbursement in that same amount through a state Recreational Trail Program grant.  
*\*Proposed by the Conservation Commission*
- **ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to replenish the Conservation Fund.  
*\*Proposed by the Conservation Commission*
- **ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to elevate the Conservation Agent position to full-time and fund said position.  
*\*Proposed by the Conservation Commission*

- **ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel Bylaws, Article 2 – 12, Classification and Compensation by revising Section 11 A: Professional Positions Line E (Conservation Agent) and inserting the new range Line 11E to reflect \$35,000 to \$89,000. *\*Proposed by the Conservation Commission*
- **ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to restore funding of the position of the Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board as a full time position, which equals 35 hours per week.  
*\*Proposed by the Planning Board*
- **ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the Purchase of two, F250 Pick Up trucks with plows/sanders through free cash or take any other action relative thereto. Amount requested is \$51,220.00, a shared expense with the Town of Whitman totaling \$130,000.00.  
*\*Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District*
- **ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the replacement of the telephone system district wide, including any and all related costs through free cash or take any other action relative thereto. Amount requested is \$25,223.00.  
*\*Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District High School*
- **ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the repair and/or replacement of the High School main roadway up to the faculty parking lot through free cash or take any other action relative thereto. Amount requested is \$120,000.00, a shared expense with the Town of Whitman totaling \$300,000.00.  
*\*Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional High School*
- **ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will vote to fund HVAC Evaluation/Schedule: Engineering report and evaluation of all ten RTU's ( Rooftop Units) through free cash or take any other action relative thereto. Amount requested is \$3,940.00, a shared expense with the Town of Whitman totaling \$10,000.00.  
*\*Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School High School*
- **ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds for reimbursement for Replacement of four frequency drives on roof top units (RTU) #2 & #4. Amount requested is \$8,569.50.00, a shared expense with the Town of Whitman totaling \$21,750.00.  
*\* Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School High School*
- **ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the repair and pavement of the main roadway at the Hanson Middle School, including any and all related costs through free cash or take any other action relative thereto. Amount requested is \$200,000.00.  
*\* Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School High School*
- **ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will vote to fund the refinish of the Hanson Middle School Gym Floor through free cash. or take any other action relative thereto. Amount requested is \$25,000.00.  
*\* Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School High School*
- **ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$11,788.00 to reimburse for expenses incurred during a required boiler inspection at the Hanson Middle School. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds for reimbursement for expenses incurred during a required boiler inspection at the Hanson Middle School. Amount requested is \$11,788.00



*\* Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School High School*

- **ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by amending Section VI, to repeal and replace subsection L, Medical Marijuana Facilities and subsection M, Marijuana Establishments, to combine the two subsections and update the language accordingly, or take any other action relative thereto. *\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*
- **ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by amending Section VI, subsection M, Marijuana Establishments, to allow for Marijuana Retailers by special permit in the districts identified in subsection VI-M.4. or take any other action relative thereto, as follows:  
*\*Proposed by the Planning Board*
- **ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by amending Section VI, subsection M, Marijuana Establishments, to allow for Marijuana Delivery Operators and Marijuana Couriers in Industrial Zones and certain other eligible locations described therein, or take any other action relative thereto, as follows:  
*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*
- **ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a maximum ( ) [BT1]year lease of a 3.8 acre portion of Town owned property including the warehouse style buildings thereon, located at 100 Hawks Avenue, depicted as a portion of Lot 1 on a Plan entitled: "Plan of Land Hawks Avenue in Hanson, MA August 24, 2018" prepared for GEI Consultants, 400 Unicorn Park, Woburn, MA 01801, by Land Planning, Inc. 1115 Main Street, Hanson MA 02341, Job No. P-2992[BT2], on file with the Town Clerk's Office, for the purposes of commercial and/or industrial use. ***OR TAKE ANY ACTION IN RELATION THERETO.***  
*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*
- **ARTICLE 50:** To see if the Town will vote the proposed initiative petition to Amend the current recall; Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2019 as follows; or take any other action in relation thereto.  
*\*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen*

*Ms. Green stated that during the next Board of Selectmen meeting on April 5, 2022, the articles will be presented again. The warrant will be signed on April 12, 2022. She mentioned that she will work with the Town Accountant to address the new assessment submitted by the school.*

***MOTION*** by Joe Weeks, seconded by Kenny Mitchell, to close the warrant. ***Vote 5-0***

### **ARPA funds**

Ms. Green mentioned that she attended the MMA meeting. She stated that the treasury has lightened many restrictions with how to use the loss revenue category. Municipalities can now use money to make up for revenue loss to fund general government services. Ms. Green further stated that this is good because the Town can use some of the money to fund the gaps in the budget. Municipalities can use all the allotted money towards the

loss revenue standard allowance. This is a 3-year program and the money has to be spent by December 2024. It can also be appropriated and be spent by December 2026. The Town of Hanson is earmarked to receive \$1,100,000.00. If the implied confirmation of funds of \$2,100,000.00 is received, the Town will have \$3,600,000.00 of ARPA funds. Ms. Green emphasized that the state received 68 billion dollars in marijuana revenue. The Town of Hanson did not benefit from the increased restaurant revenue because it voted against the meals tax. These two areas of revenue should be explored further. Ms. Green also mentioned that using free cash to close budget gaps is not an uncommon practice amongst municipalities.

**Dollars for Scholars**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kemmett, seconded by Joe Weeks to approve Dollars for Scholars request to use the former Maquan Elementary School parking lot for the annual Spring Electronic Recycling Day. **Voted 5-0**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kemmett, seconded by Joe Weeks to approve Dollars for Scholars request to erect a fundraising thermometer on the Town Hall lawn for approximately 6 to 8 weeks from April to end of May. **Voted 5-0**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kemmett, seconded by Joe Weeks to approve Dollars for Scholars request to declare April as “Dollars for Scholars Month”. **Voted 5-0**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL – 902 Main St., Unit 47, Hanson, Ma**

**MOTION** by Jim Hickey, seconded by Joe Weeks to revoke to waive the right of first refusal to purchase 902 Main Street, Unit 47, Hanson, MA. **Voted 4-0 (Ms. Kemmett abstained)**

**V. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES**

**MOTION** by Laura Kemmett, seconded by Joe Weeks to approve the one-day liquor licenses as printed on the agenda. **Voted 5 - 0**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

1. Ms. Green updated the board on the MMA meeting she attending last week. She mentioned that the Chapter 70 money, Chapter 90 money and a Winter Recovery Fund will add up to 100 million dollars for road repairs if it passes in the senate.
2. Ms. Green mentioned that she submitted a statement of interest for the one stop shop grant program for 5 projects. The good news is that 3 of the 5 projects are eligible for MassWorks infrastructure grants. Ms. Green will be meeting with Tracy Costa next week to prepare the applications for the grants.

3. Ms. Green updated mentioned that there were no responses for the Whitman Hanson Regional School District audit procurement.
4. Ms. Green mentioned that she responded to several public records request this week. Ms. Green along with Ms. Tully and Ms. Silveira are working diligently to put the warrant together. This is the first Annual Town Meeting for all three ladies. In addition, personnel matters have been addressed. Ms. Green also mentioned that the budget is being worked on daily.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION*** by Joe Weeks, seconded by Kenny Mitchell to adjourn meeting. ***Voted 5-0***

Respectfully submitted,

*Lucia Silveira*  
*Executive Assistant*