

Town Meeting Informational Warrant

FEBRUARY 2018 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Hanson Middle School – 7:30 p.m.



**Prepared by the Town Administrator and Executive Assistant
at the direction of the Board of Selectmen**

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FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

PLYMOUTH, SS.

**To either of the Constables of the Town of Hanson, in the County of Plymouth
GREETINGS,**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hanson, qualified to vote in Town affairs, and elections, to meet in the Hanson Middle School, Liberty Street in said Hanson on Monday the Fifth day of February 2018 at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds \$555,095.13 for costs related to closing the Maquan Elementary schools as follows:

\$ 189,901.88 (\$472,627.50 x 40.18%) to fund the capital costs associated with moving the Pre-Kindergarten districtwide program from the Maquan School to the Whitman Hanson Regional High School and \$ 365,193.25 to move the K-2 grades to the Indian Head Elementary School, moving grade 5 to Hanson Middle school and moving special education programs to the Duval Elementary School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School
District School Committee

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 6 – 0 to Recommend***

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amounts appropriated in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9, Solid Waste Retained Earnings to supplement the amounts in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Article 9, Solid waste expenses and Indirect Costs for the Transfer Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: The funds, which will be transferred from retained earnings, are to cover costs for solid waste disposal and transportation, unanticipated increased costs of recycling, as well as a few maintenance items. A detailed summary will be provided at Town Meeting.

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 6 – 0 to Recommend***

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement appropriations previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May, 2017 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 for various Town Departments as follows:

Item #	Budget Line #	Department	Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY17 Budget	Funding Source
1	15	Dept. 151 – Legal Expense	\$140,000	\$17,500	\$157,500	Line 81 Unemployment
2	26	Dept. 175 – Planning Board. Expense	\$5,410	\$20,300	\$25,710	Line 25 Planning Board Salaries
3	59	Dept. 420 – Highway Salaries	\$469,758	\$25,000	\$494,758	Line 57 Norfolk Cty. Agricultural Tuition

or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to supplement the preceding line items in the current fiscal year's budget (FY18) in order to fund the additional expenses associated with the following: **Item 1** ~ Legal – The funds are needed for the legal fees associated with the Tax Possession Auctions which were held in December. The six properties were sold for a total of \$171,000. **Item 2** ~ Planning Board – An interim Town Planner has been contracted. The funds are being transferred from the Salary line to the Expense line. **Item 3** ~ Highway Salaries– Funds are needed to cover the shortfall in the overtime line. The overtime was incurred due to the Gas Line replacement along Liberty Street. The Town is anticipating reimbursement from the Gas company.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 6 – 0 to Recommend

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall, the Fire Station, the public stores, and Post Offices, fifteen days at least, before the said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place above-mentioned.

Given under our hands, this 9th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Selectmen of Hanson

True attest copy

Town Clerk

Date

Constable

Date