

**Town Meeting Informational Warrant
&
Budget Recommendations**

MAY 7, 2018 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Hanson Middle School – 7:30 p.m.

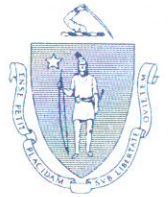


**Prepared by the Town Administrator and Executive Assistant
at the direction of the Board of Selectmen**



Town of Hanson

Board of Selectmen



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May 2, 2018

To the Voters at the Hanson **May ANNUAL** Town Meeting:

The enclosed is an informational copy of the warrant for the May 7, 2018 **ANNUAL** Town Meeting for your convenience during the Town Meeting.

This informational warrant provides you with the most current information on each article, including explanations and recommendations. I hope that this will assist you during the meeting.

The legal warrant was posted on the 20th of April 2018, by the Constable of the Town of Hanson, in accordance with state law.

Cordially,



Michael McCue
Town Administrator

Town Meeting

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 Auditorium of the Middle School (off Liberty Street), in said Hanson on Monday the **Seventh day of May, 2018** at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the articles in this warrant and furthermore to meet in the **Hanson Middle School Gymnasium at 111 Liberty Street,** in said Hanson on Saturday, the **Nineteenth of May, 2018** at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for Town Officials as stipulated in **Article 33** of this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The Reports voted on are those published in the **2017** Town Report.

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2019 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: Every year this article is voted. It simply allows the Treasurer/Collector to maintain accounts using credits instead of money to pay for banking charges.

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

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ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from overlay surplus for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money will be used to cover the costs incurred for filing and advertising properties with delinquent taxes, and also to pay any legal fees resulting from this process.

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

ARTICLE 4: 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:

	FY18	FY19
Town Clerk	\$67,205.00	\$69,221.00
Tree Warden	\$3,055.00	\$3,116.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

Explanation: This article sets the salaries limits for the elected officials.
Article 5 funds the salaries.

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

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 **2019 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2019 Annual Budget Lines

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 4 – 0 – 1 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 5 - FY2019 Operating Budget

Line #		FY2017 ACTUAL	FY2018 BUDGET	Fiscal Year 2019		Funding source(s)
				Dept Request/ BOS Recommend	Finance Committee Recommend	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION

1	Salaries	166,614	171,648	175,535	175,535	Taxation
2	Expenses	19,945	24,485	25,435	25,435	Taxation
3	Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	

131 FINANCE COMMITTEE

4	Salaries	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	Taxation
5	Expenses	176	450	450	450	Taxation
6	Reserve Fund (budget)	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	Taxation

135 ACCOUNTANT

7	Salaries	88,833	109,613	111,795	111,795	Taxation
8	Expenses	1,039	2,000	2,000	2,000	Taxation
9	Audit	36,500	31,750	38,000	38,000	Taxation

141 ASSESSORS

10	Salaries	145,242	155,085	161,950	161,950	Taxation
11	Expenses	5,771	7,400	7,000	7,000	Taxation

145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

12	Salaries	180,846	191,283	195,336	195,336	Taxation
13	Expenses	7,262	10,715	10,375	10,375	Taxation
14	MWPAT Admin Expenses	5,416	5,000	10,000	10,000	MWPAT Title V Interest

151 LEGAL SERVICES

15	Expenses	134,774	140,000	140,000	140,000	Taxation
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155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

16	Expenses	104,109	120,000	120,000	120,000	Taxation
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161 TOWN CLERK

17	Salaries	108,562	110,711	115,242	115,242	Taxation
18	Expenses	3,525	4,055	4,055	4,055	Taxation

162 ELECTIONS

19	Salaries	10,784	3,938	15,019	15,019	Taxation
20	Expenses	10,397	5,286	12,891	12,891	Taxation

163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

21	Salaries	5,691	6,642	8,054	8,054	Taxation
22	Expenses	1,735	1,782	1,782	1,782	Taxation

Line #		Fiscal Year 2019			Funding source(s)
		FY2017 ACTUAL	FY2018 BUDGET	Dept Request/ BOS Recommend	Finance Committee Recommend
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
23	Salaries	59,420	59,971	44,606	44,606 Taxation
24	Expenses	2,110	4,756	4,805	4,805 Taxation
175	PLANNING BOARD				
25	Salaries	60,260	65,494	82,285	82,285 Taxation
26	Expenses	3,749	5,410	6,331	6,331 Taxation
176	APPEALS BOARD				
27	Salaries	33,787	34,463	35,152	35,152 Taxation
28	Expenses	327	720	720	720 Taxation
180	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES				
29	Expenses	-	-	-	-
190	POSTAGE				
30	Expenses	26,000	27,500	28,000	28,000 Taxation
192	MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS				
31	Salaries	51,508	52,044	53,512	53,512 Taxation
32	Expenses	68,926	62,350	78,350	78,350 Taxation
196	UTILITIES				
33	Expenses	110,240	124,750	128,750	128,750 Taxation
Subtotal, GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,543,548	1,630,801	1,708,930	1,708,930
PUBLIC SAFETY:					
210	POLICE				
34	Salaries	1,695,786	1,969,923	2,065,559	2,065,559 Taxation
35	Expenses	202,071	197,835	232,925	232,925 Taxation
36	Capital Outlay	136,904	129,000	129,000	129,000 Taxation
215	COMMUNICATIONS				
37	Salaries	279,417	356,831	366,190	366,190 Taxation
38	Expenses	30,331	40,750	32,250	32,250 Taxation
220	FIRE & AMBULANCE				
39	Salaries	1,601,445	1,797,749	1,901,774	1,901,774 Taxation
40	Expenses	212,798	197,275	197,715	\$1,636,774 Taxation \$265,000 Ambulance Fund
					\$162,715 Taxation \$35,000 Ambulance Fund

Line #		Fiscal Year 2019				Funding source(s)
		FY2017 ACTUAL	FY2018 BUDGET	Dept Request/ BOS Recommend	Finance Committee Recommend	
41	Capital Outlay	7,452	24,300	25,500	25,500	Taxation
241	BUILDING INSPECTION					
42	Salaries	76,963	78,502	81,162	79,162	Taxation
43	Expenses	1,690	7,000	7,400	7,400	Taxation
242	GAS INSPECTION					
44	Salaries	3,944	6,850	6,850	6,850	Taxation
243	PLUMBING INSPECTION					
45	Salaries	3,783	6,850	6,850	6,850	Taxation
244	WEIGHTS & MEASURES					
46	Salaries	3,264	3,384	3,452	3,452	Taxation
47	Expenses	-	600	600	600	Taxation
245	WIRING INSPECTION					
48	Salaries	17,748	21,000	21,000	21,000	Taxation
292	ANIMAL CONTROL					
49	Salaries	4,732	19,000	19,000	19,000	Taxation
50	Expenses	10,416	6,000	7,000	7,000	Taxation
294	TREE WARDEN					
51	Salaries	2,995	3,055	3,116	3,116	Taxation
52	Expenses	30,585	25,000	25,000	25,000	Taxation
Subtotal, PUBLIC SAFETY		4,322,324	4,890,904	5,132,343	5,130,343	
EDUCATION:						
300	WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL					
53	Operating Assessment	7,715,066	8,194,736	8,913,341	8,913,341	Taxation
54	Transportation Assessment	96,280	102,026	103,828	103,828	Taxation
55	Debt Assessment	477,872	459,372	447,599	447,599	Taxation
330	SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH					
56		877,141	938,030	997,353	997,353	Taxation
340	NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL					
57		200,735	265,639	165,000	165,000	Taxation
Subtotal, EDUCATION		9,367,094	9,959,803	10,627,121	10,627,121	

Line #		Fiscal Year 2019				Funding source(s)
		FY2017 ACTUAL	FY2018 BUDGET	Dept Request/ BOS Recommend	Finance Committee Recommend	
PUBLIC WORKS:						
58	410 ENGINEERING Expenses	-	-	5,000	5,000	Taxation
59	420 HIGHWAY Salaries	448,342	469,758	486,787	486,787	Taxation
60	Expenses	198,989	259,025	282,775	282,775	Taxation
61	Snow & Ice	459,488	280,000	300,000	300,000	Taxation
62	Street Sweeping	39,979	40,000	40,000	40,000	Taxation
63	424 TOWN-WIDE FUEL Expenses	76,855	95,000	95,000	95,000	Taxation
Subtotal, PUBLIC WORKS		1,223,653	1,143,783	1,209,562	1,209,562	
HUMAN SERVICES:						
64	511 BOARD OF HEALTH Salaries	82,099	106,808	110,402	110,402	Taxation
65	Expenses	3,439	7,235	7,525	7,525	Taxation
66	VNA Services	4,900	5,280	5,500	5,500	Taxation
67	541 COUNCIL ON AGING Salaries	73,557	80,780	83,007	83,007	Taxation
68	Expenses	9,037	10,700	12,000	9,200	Taxation
69	VNA Services	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	Taxation
70	543 VETERANS Salaries	21,326	21,753	21,753	21,753	Taxation
71	Expenses	2,107	4,700	4,700	4,700	Taxation
72	Assistance	23,410	47,500	40,000	40,000	Taxation
73	544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES Expenses	1,411	2,500	2,500	2,500	Taxation
Subtotal, HUMAN SERVICES		228,086	294,056	294,187	291,387	

Line #		Fiscal Year 2019				Funding source(s)
		FY2017 ACTUAL	FY2018 BUDGET	Dept Request/ BOS Recommend	Finance Committee Recommend	
CULTURE & RECREATION:						
610	LIBRARY					
74	Salaries	260,360	285,015	286,249	286,249	Taxation
75	Expenses	132,778	141,263	133,916	133,916	Taxation
650	PARK & FIELDS					
76	Expenses	24,241	25,000	25,000	25,000	Taxation
77	PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM	2,076	2,500	2,500	2,500	Taxation
Subtotal, CULTURE & RECREATION		419,455	453,778	447,665	447,665	
FIXED COSTS:						
710	DEBT SERVICE					
78	Principal	500,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	\$585,000 Taxation \$115,000 MWPAT Rcpts Reserved
79	Interest	110,306	134,832	103,846	103,846	\$100,925 Taxation \$2,921 Debt Premium reserved
911	PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT	1,417,027	1,468,264	1,432,987	1,432,987	Taxation
913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	8,824	26,650	29,020	29,020	Taxation
914	GROUP INSURANCE	1,622,684	1,893,357	2,061,135	2,061,135	Taxation
945	RISK MANAGEMENT	268,408	286,340	270,000	270,000	Taxation
Subtotal, FIXED COSTS		3,927,249	4,509,443	4,596,988	4,596,988	
WATER:						
84	Salaries	400,281	501,874	522,938	522,938	Water Revenue
85	Expenses	341,433	406,880	412,520	412,520	Water Revenue
86	Debt Service	280,398	406,495	437,172	437,172	Water Revenue
87	Indirect Costs	163,240	188,100	277,001	277,001	Water Revenue
Subtotal, WATER		1,185,352	1,503,349	1,649,631	1,649,631	
TOTAL		\$ 22,216,761	\$ 24,385,917	\$ 25,666,427	\$ 25,661,627	

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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2019, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues	FY 18	FY 19
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$291,600	\$317,103
Retained Earnings	\$	\$ 53,366
Taxation	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$291,600	\$370,469

Estimated Expenses	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Item	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$179,600	\$184,853	Program Revenues
Expenses	\$ 87,000	\$107,250	Program Revenues
Debt Service	\$	\$ 53,366	Retained Earnings
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	Program Revenues
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$291,600	\$370,469	

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

Explanation: Recreation program cost now shown in this Enterprise Fund budget. All costs related to the operation of Camp Kiwanee are projected to be offset by the program revenues. All surpluses of this account at the end of the year will remain within the account.

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

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2019, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues	FY18	FY 19
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$170,750	\$187,369
Retained Earnings	\$ 61,869	\$ 57,647
Taxation	<u>\$ 86,965</u>	<u>\$ 86,690</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$319,584	\$331,706

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Estimated Expenses

Item	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$116,539	\$116,632 \$57,647 Retained Earnings \$58,985 Taxation
Expenses	\$169,369	\$187,369 Program Revenues
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 33,676</u>	<u>\$ 27,705</u> Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$319,584	\$331,706

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: The total cost of operating the Transfer Station is \$331,706. A portion of the Salaries \$58,985 and indirect cost \$27,705 will come from general taxation. The balance of expenses \$245,016 will be paid through the Enterprise Fund.

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

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2019 Community Preservation Fund estimated** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$155,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: This article ensures that Hanson's Community Preservation Accounts are compliant with the Community Preservation Act which requires that a certain portion of the CPA funds be set aside for open space projects, community housing projects, historical projects and recreation projects. In addition, it sets aside money for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

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

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.
And Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is the annual article which approves the Capital Improvement matrix for the next fiscal year.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted to Hold*
Finance Committee Voted to Hold

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to various department Capital Accounts for the following items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY19 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Town Hall	Generator	\$75,000	<i>Recommend</i>	Free Cash
2	Fire Dept.	Floor Rehabilitation	\$64,000	<i>Recommend</i>	Free Cash
3	Highway	Utility Truck	\$125,000	<i>Recommend</i>	Free Cash
4	School – Indian Head	Playground	225,000	<i>Recommend</i>	Free Cash
5	School - Indian Head	Upgrade card access at Front Entrance	35,000	<i>Recommend</i>	Free Cash
6	School – Indian Head	Repair Memorial Hall Exterior Entrance	50,000	<i>Recommend</i>	Free Cash
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>574,000</i>		

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee &
Board of Selectmen

Explanation: *Item 1-* A generator is needed at Town Hall to provide continued power to the computer network which allows for undisrupted communications between Administrator and public safety personnel. *Item 2 –* Fire Department floor rehabilitation; *Item 3-* Highway – Utility truck; *Item 4 -* To replace and install playground to meet the current safety standards, to meet the enrollment standards and to meet the ADA

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requirements; **Item 5** - To increase security at the front entrance. Install card access to interior front entrance doors, move interior doors and walls, install new ceilings, counter and reconfiguring office area with a security window to ensure safety for staff and students; **Item 6** - Replace siding, remove lead paint, replace exterior trim, repair columns, new lighting, repair front stairway and platform, re-paint façade.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend Items 2,4,5 & 6
Finance Committee Voted 3 – 1 Not to Recommend Items 1 & 3

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to Capital Accounts for the following Whitman Hanson Regional High School items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY19 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	School - High School	Update Interior/Exterior Cameras	\$24,108	Recommend	Free Cash
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$24,108</i>		

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.

Explanation: **Item 1** - Security cameras at the high school are 13 years old and are failing. All existing cameras will be replaced and new cameras added to new locations.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing \$600,000.00 to purchase and equip a new fire engine and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, (1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds are requested to purchase and equip a new fire engine to replace a 1986 Maxim Pumper with a Pumper that has more water and pump capacity.
Requires 2/3 Vote.

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

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will approve the \$500,000 borrowing authorized by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District to pay costs of designing and carrying out HVAC improvements at the Hanson Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

Explanation: The Project shall consist of providing a high efficiency variable refrigerant flow (VRF) heat pumps air conditioning system for the Second Floor Classrooms and Learning Spaces at the Hanson Middle School located at 111 Liberty Street, Hanson MA. The Middle School was constructed in 1998, is approximately 157,000 square feet and consists of two floors. The existing building classrooms are heated and ventilated through the use of hot water classroom unit ventilator units, and currently do not have air conditioning. As part of this project scope, indoor ductless wall mounted or ceiling mounted AC units shall be installed within the classroom and shall be piped with insulated refrigeration piping to outdoor grade or roof mounted air cooled heat pump condensing equipment. Multiple indoor units shall be connected to each outdoor condensing units to maximize system sizing, efficiency and diversity. A new direct digital control system shall be provided to control and monitor the VRF system. All newly installed systems shall be fully tested, adjusted and commissioned.

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

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County pursuant to G.L. c. 90 for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Town of Hanson to accept state funding, including Chapter 90 funding for accepted roadways. This article authorizes use of funds which will be 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The budget approved each fiscal year by the legislature and governor establishes the total funding available for Chapter 90 local

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transportation aid for that year. These funds are then apportioned to the 351 Massachusetts towns and cities.

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

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to replenish the Conservation Fund for open space management and related conservation purposes or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: The task of implementing the Open Space and Recreation Plan is currently one of the more important responsibilities of the Conservation Commission. Some of the goals of the OSRP are to: acquire land or conservation restrictions to permanently protect open space; provide a linked system of open space, trails and greenways that are accessible to the public; improve public access, such as the creation of parking spaces at open space parcels; and provide passive recreation information which would include providing maps of public lands, installation of kiosks at open space parcels, and providing standardized signage for all existing municipal open space. Several of these important goals were accomplished in 2017 aided by the use of Conservation Funds. Current unencumbered balance \$4,000

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 Not to Recommend***

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$80,000 to purchase two new trucks for the Department; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioner

Explanation: The department needs to replace two vehicles due to their age and the condition of the vehicles. One has been surplus to the Town of their use; the other will be auctioned off

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

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$18,000 to purchase two storage containers for the water department; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioner

Explanation: These two containers will be used for storage for the department's smaller equipment. These funds will also be used for concrete pads to put the containers on; and to install overhead roofs.

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

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus, \$40,000 to upgrade our SCADA panel at the wellfield; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioner

Explanation: The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) panel, which is located at the deep well in the V FD room is outdated. The panel was installed in 1984 when the well was installed and the communication is no longer compatible with our new upgraded SCADA computer at the office.

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

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This money will be used to increase the Stabilization Fund. A stabilization fund is a mechanism for setting aside money either for unforeseen needs or for capital projects. Such a fund is intended to equalize the effect of capital expenditures over time and to provide a "rainy day" fund. The Town's target has been to maintain close to 5% which is the industry standard minimum amount for Stabilization Funds as recommended by our auditors and will help to maintain a positive bond rating for future borrowing purposes.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Pass Over*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Pass Over

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to the Regional Schools Capital Stabilization fund as established by the October 2014 Special Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This Stabilization Fund sets asides funds for the exclusive use of paying for capital improvements to the Hanson School Buildings and the Whitman Hanson Regional High School. The current balance is \$50,000

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Pass Over*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Pass Over

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Hanson will approve the amended Whitman Hanson Regional School District Regional Agreement a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional
School District

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

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town of Hanson will approve the amended South Shore Vocational Technical Regional High School regional agreement dated October 31, 2017, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the South Shore Regional Vocational
School District

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

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to set the spending limits of the following revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as follows:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Spending Limit</i>
Assessors	\$1,500
Parks & Fields	\$10,000
Library	\$7,000
Senior Center Programs	\$2,500
Senior Center Fees	\$95,000
Conservation Comm.	\$7,500
Nathaniel Thomas Mill	\$1,500

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article sets the spending limits for the revolving the annual revolving accounts which have been consolidated into one article to streamline the warrant process.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 3 – 2 to Recommend

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws Article 3-12 Earth Removal by adding in the title “**and Bulk Storage**” and further amending by renumbering **Penalty** as Sec. 6 and further amending by adding a new Section 5, entitled “**Bulk Storage**” as follows:

§5A Purpose – Businesses, including, but not limited to agricultural business, that utilize the Bulk Storage of materials, as defined herein, may cause excessive noise, dust, traffic and odor and may otherwise impact the health safety and welfare of Hanson residents. As a consequence, all existing and proposed Bulk Storage operations must obtain a Bulk Storage License from the Board of Selectmen.

§5B Definition – “Bulk Storage” shall be defined as the outdoor storage of materials in excess of 500 cubic yards in the aggregate and/or 20 feet in height, including but not limited to, sand, mulch, lumber, coal, or other bulk materials not for retail sales on premises whether as a primary or accessory use of the subject property. Temporary storage of materials associated with active construction sites shall be exempt from this by-law, provided that such materials are stored for no longer than thirty (30) days;

§5C Term – Bulk Storage Licenses must be renewed annually. Each such License shall terminate on December 31st. An application for renewal must be received by no later than November 15th of any given year. The Board of Selectmen shall vote to issue such renewals at duly posted meeting.

§5D Standards for issuance – When determining issuance or renewal of a Bulk Storage License the Board of Selectmen may take into consideration any concerns regarding health, safety and welfare of the residents of Hanson, as well as any environmental concerns. The Selectmen may impose conditions on the issuance or renewal of a Bulk Storage License. The Selectmen may impose reasonable conditions on any Bulk Storage License.

§5E Revocation – In the event that any Bulk Storage Licensee is found to be in violation of its License or of any law, regulation, bylaw or other accepted standard, the Selectmen may commence a proceeding for revocation of the License. Such proceeding shall be commenced by written Notice to the Licensee of a hearing before the Selectmen, not less than seven days following the date of delivery of such Notice. The Licensee shall be provided with an opportunity to present evidence and testimony at any such hearing. The Selectmen's decision shall be issued, in writing no later than twenty-one (21) days following the close of such hearing.

or taken any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article seeks to regulate storage of material of excessive amounts for the purpose of protecting citizens and property in adjacent proximity from dust and other particulates, odors and other such nuisances. The Board of Selectmen would issue such licenses and impose conditions as it sees fits, such as tarps or sealants.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws Article 4 -1 Enforcement - Article 3-12 Earth Removal by adding “**and Bulk Storage**” and adding **Building Inspector** in the Enforcement Officer column or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation – This is a housekeeping matter as it relates to the previous article relating to the General By-laws Article 3-12, which appoints the Building Inspector as the Board of Selectmen's enforcement officer.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, **Section 6.A.3; 6.B.3, 6.C.3; 6.D.3, 6.E.3 Minimum Frontage Requirements** for each zoning districts by deleting in each zoning district the following verbiage:

*Measured at the street line. Where a lot has frontage on two (2) streets only one-half (1/2) of the linear distance on the curve at the intersection shall be computed as frontage on any street. Both frontages shall meet the requirements of minimum lot frontage. Width of all lots shall at least meet the minimum frontage for a depth of one hundred (100) feet.

and inserting in its place the following:

*Measured at the street line. *Where a lot has frontage on two (2) or more streets it may use the frontage from any one of those streets to meet the minimum required lot frontage.* Width of all lots shall at least meet the minimum frontage for a depth of one hundred (100) feet.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – To reduce the minimum frontage requirements where a lot has frontage on two (2) or more streets, it may use the frontage from any one of those streets to meet the minimum required lot frontage. **Requires 2/3 Vote.**

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by amending Section VI, to add a new subsection M, Marijuana Establishments, as allowable by special permit in the districts identified in subsection VI-M.4 and further to amend Table of Contents as follows:

M SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Purposes

A. To provide for the establishment of Marijuana Establishments in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance in accordance with the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, as amended, and as codified in G.L. c. 94G, §1, *et seq.*, and the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) Regulations promulgated thereunder, 935 CMR 500.000, as the same may be amended from time-to-time.

B. To minimize the adverse impacts of Marijuana Establishments on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and other places where children congregate, local historic districts, and other land uses potentially incompatible with said Establishments.

C. To regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Marijuana Establishments.

2. Applicability

A. The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale, trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana as regulated pursuant to G.L. c. 94G is prohibited unless permitted as a Marijuana Establishment under this Section VI.M.

B. No Marijuana Establishment shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section VI.M.

C. Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws governing the sale and distribution of narcotic drugs.

D. If any provision of this Section or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Section, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Section are severable.

3. Definitions

Craft Marijuana Cultivator Cooperative - shall mean a marijuana cultivator comprised of residents of the commonwealth organized as a limited liability company or limited liability partnership under the laws of the commonwealth, or an appropriate business structure as determined by the commission, and that is licensed to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package and brand marijuana and marijuana products to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

Marijuana Cultivator - shall mean an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

Marijuana Establishment - shall mean a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, all as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, said Marijuana Establishments shall be deemed independent of any other definition in this by-law and not a subset or subcategory of any other category.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer - shall mean an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

Marijuana Retailer - shall mean an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, further provided that Marijuana Retailers may not be considered Retail Business in any other context.

Marijuana Testing Facility - shall mean an entity licensed to test marijuana and marijuana products, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

4. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Establishments.

Marijuana Retailers may be allowed by Special Permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen on in the Marijuana Retail Area Overlay District, which is comprised of the following locations, those area in the Town of Hanson zoned as the Business District and which also have frontage on Route 27, Franklin Street and Main Street, as depicted on a plan entitled Proposed Marijuana Retail Area Overlay District Plan, Job Number P-3312, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Hanson, Massachusetts, provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section VI.M.

Marijuana Establishments, expressly excluding Marijuana Retailers, may be allowed by Special Permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen in the following locations , on Assessors Map 59 Lots 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, Assessors Map 52 Lot 17-16, as depicted on a plan entitled Medical Marijuana Distribution Area Overlay District Plan, Job Number P-2967, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Hanson, Massachusetts, provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section VI.M.

5. General Requirements and Conditions for all Marijuana Establishments.

- A. All Marijuana Establishments shall be contained within a building or structure.
- B. No Marijuana Establishment may be located within 1,000 feet of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12.
- C. No Marijuana Establishment shall have a gross floor area of less than 2,500 square feet or in excess of 20,000 square feet.
- D. A Marijuana Establishment shall not be located in buildings that contain any medical doctors offices or offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of Marijuana.
- E. The hours of operation of Marijuana Establishments shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall said Establishments be open and/or operating between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- F. No smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

G. No Marijuana Establishment shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or truck.

H. Marijuana Establishments shall provide the Hanson Police Department, Building Commissioner and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

6. Special Permit Requirements

A. A Marijuana Establishment shall only be allowed by special permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen in accordance with G.L. c. 40A.

B. A special permit for a Marijuana Establishment shall be limited to one or more of the uses that shall be prescribed by the Special Permit Granting Authority as defined in the definitions section above:

C. In addition to the application requirements set forth in Sections VI.M.5 and VI.M.6 of this Bylaw, a special permit application for a Marijuana Establishment shall include the following:

- 1) the name and address of each owner of the facility;
- 2) copies of all required licenses and permits issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies for the Establishment;
- 3) evidence of the Applicant's tenancy or ownership of the site for the Establishment, such as a deed or lease;
- 4) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure contains the names of individuals;
- 5) a certified list of all parties in interest entitled to notice of the hearing for the special permit application, taken from the most recent tax list of the town and certified by the Town Assessor;
- 6) Proposed security measures for the Marijuana Establishment, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

D. Mandatory Findings. The Special Permit Granting Authority shall not issue a special permit for a Marijuana Establishment unless it finds that:

- 1) the Marijuana Establishment is designed to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, § 9.

2) the Marijuana Establishment demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations; and

3) the applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of Sections VI.M.5 and VI.M.6 herein;

E. Annual Reporting. Each Marijuana Establishment permitted under this Bylaw shall as a condition of its special permit file an annual report to and appear before the Special Permit Granting Authority and the Town Clerk no later than January 31st, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the Marijuana Establishment and/or its owners and demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

F. A special permit granted under this Section shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's state approval as a Marijuana Establishment. A special permit may be transferred only with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit with all information required in this Section VI-M.

G. The Board shall require the applicant to post a bond at the time of construction to cover costs for the removal of the Marijuana Establishment in the event the Town must remove the Marijuana Establishment. The value of the bond shall be based upon the ability to completely remove all the items associated with the Marijuana Establishment and properly clean the facility at prevailing wages. The value of the bond shall be developed based upon the applicant providing the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen with three (3) written bids to meet the noted requirements. An incentive factor of 1.5 shall be applied to all bonds to ensure compliance and adequate funds for the town to remove the Marijuana Establishment at prevailing wages.

7. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

A. A Special Permit shall lapse if not exercised within one year of issuance.

B. A Marijuana Establishment shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

- 1) prior to surrendering its state issued licenses or permits; or
- 2) within six months of ceasing operations; whichever comes first.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – To provide for the establishment of Marijuana Establishments in appropriate places and under strict conditions, to minimize the adverse impacts of Marijuana Establishments on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, local

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historic districts, schools and other places where children congregate, and to regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification and removal of Marijuana Establishments. **Requires 2/3 Vote.**

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 1 to Recommend*

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a 3% local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town of Hanson or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – Adoption of the Statute will provide the Town the ability to impose a 3% local sales tax on Marijuana products sold by marijuana retailers.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 1 to Recommend*

ARTICLE 29: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section VII; Subsection L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities by inserting at the end of **Subsection 3** the following:

Notwithstanding the above, cell towers may be placed on any municipal property in any zone. The site location will have to be approved by two-thirds vote at Town Meeting, provided that any such installation on Town Land shall comply with the dimensional requirements of Section VII; Subsection L of this Bylaw.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – This allows the Town to place a cell tower on municipal property regardless of which zoning district the property is located. The Town must meet all other regulations. **Requires 2/3 Vote.**

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

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section VII; Subsection L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities by deleting in **Subsection 6.d** the words **one hundred fifty (150) feet** and inserting in its place the words **two hundred (200) feet** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – To increase the maximum height requirements for cell towers to increase their effectiveness. **Requires 2/3 Vote.**

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

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote the Codification, Re-Organization and Indexing of the Table of Contents of the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – This is a housekeeping article to revise the Table of Contents to reflect Zoning By-law Changes that were made in May of 2017. Copies of the re-codified Zoning By-laws including the revised Table of Contents Section are available at the Office of the Town Clerk. **Requires 2/3 Vote.**

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on its behalf, to petition the General Court to repeal Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1986 and submit for passage of a new special law substantially as provided below. The Legislature may make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the Legislature. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Providing for the Recall of Elected Officials in the Town of Hanson.

SECTION 1. Chapter 214 of the acts of 1986 is hereby repealed.

Section 2 - Recall of Elected Officials

(a) **Reasons for Recall** - Any holder of an elected office in the Town of Hanson who has held an elected town wide office, and whose term of office extends beyond the next annual town election, may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the Town, as herein provided, for reasons of: (1) conviction of a felony or conviction of the following misdemeanors as defined by Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment, while presently in office; or (2) admission to facts, while presently in office, sufficient to be convicted of a felony or sufficient to be convicted of the following misdemeanors as defined in Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment; or (3) was found in violation of the conflict of interest law (M.G.L. c 268A), while presently in office, as determined by the State Ethics Commission or the Attorney General; (4) attended less than fifty (50%) percent of the posted public meetings of the board or office of which the official was an elected member or to which he/she has been elected or appointed as part of his/her elected position during the previous twelve (12) months; (5) lack of fitness, insobriety while performing official functions, involuntary commitment to a mental health facility, being placed under guardianship or conservatorship by a probate court; or (6) corruption, conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, conviction of bribery, or extortion or (7) violation of law, regulation, bylaw or other abdication of the applicable requirements for the elected position. The elected official's vote on a matter (other than in connection with a conflict of interest violation referenced above) shall not be grounds for a recall petition.

(b) **Notice of Intent to Recall** - One hundred fifty (150) or more registered voters of the Town of Hanson, with a minimum of twenty five (25) registered voters from each precinct, may make and file a Notice of Intent with the Town Clerk bearing the name of the elected official sought to be recalled, and a statement of the specific grounds for the recall as established by Section (a) above, with information sufficient to support the specific grounds for recall, at least one hundred seventy (170) days before the next annual town election. Upon certification of the required signatures by the Registrar of Voters and a determination that the Notice of Intent contains information sufficient to support the specific reason(s) and events for the recall as confirmed by Town Counsel, within five (5) business days, the Clerk shall forthwith deliver to the first named voter on the Notice of Intent, the petition forms, addressed to the Board of Selectman, requesting a recall. The petition forms shall be issued under the signature and official seal of the Town. They shall be dated and shall contain the names of the first ten (10) registered voters whose names appear on the grounds for the recall as stated in the Notice of Intent to recall. In addition, the petition shall request the election of a successor to the office. A copy of the petition form shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition forms shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the signed petition forms or the next business day after the 60th day if said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, with signatures, names and street precincts. The Town Clerk shall, within three (3) business days following the day of the filing with the office of the Town Clerk, submit the recall petition forms to the Registrar of Voters. The Registrars shall, within fifteen (15) business days after the date of receipt, certify in writing to the Town Clerk thereon, the number of signatures which are names of registered voters in Hanson.

(c) **Recall Petitions** - In order to be found sufficient the recall petition forms to be certified by the Registrar of Voters must contain at least ten per cent (10%) of Hanson's registered voters including at least 100 registered voters from each of Hanson's three (3) Precincts as of the date of the most recent Town election Upon such certification, the petition shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Board of Selectmen within two (2) business days. The selectmen shall give notice following their next scheduled meeting, in writing, to the elected official whose recall is sought by sending that elected official a copy of the certified recall petition.

If the elected official to whom the recall is directed by the Board of Selectmen does not resign the office within five (5) business days from the date of notice, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith order an election to be held on the date of the next town election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this Act, but only ballots for the new candidates shall be counted.

(d) An elected official whose recall is sought may not be a candidate to succeed him or herself in the recall election. The nomination of candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the election shall be in accordance with the state and local laws relative to elections, unless otherwise provided in this Act.

(e) The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his/her office until the recall election, unless the elected official resigns his/her position. If the incumbent is not recalled, he/she shall remain in office for the remainder of his/her unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided by this Act. If recalled in the recall election, he/she shall be considered removed upon the qualification of the successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term.

(f) Ballots used in a recall petition shall contain the following propositions in the order indicated:
"For the recall of (name of elected official) who holds the position of (elected office)"
"Against the recall of (name of official) who holds the position of (elected office)"

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a designated space for voters to vote for either of the propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates and directions to voters required by Section 42 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, and beneath this, the names of the candidates nominated, listed alphabetically, as herein provided. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of the recall are in favor of the recall, the elected official shall be recalled and the ballots for candidates shall be counted. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If the majority of the votes cast are in the negative, the ballots for candidates need not be counted unless the incumbent official has resigned previously or a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered pursuant to Section (c) above.

(g) A recall petition shall not be filed against an elected official within six (6) months after she/he has taken office, unless the elected official has been reelected to another consecutive term in office, then a recall petition may be filed within three (3) months after taking office on the re-election vote; nor, in the case of an elected official subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby until at least six (6) months have elapsed after the election at which the recall was

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submitted to the voters of the Town and further provided that an elected official cannot be subject to a subsequent recall petition for the same specific reason(s) and events that were the basis of any prior recall petition.

(h) A person who has been recalled from office, or who has resigned from office after the recall petition has been certified by the Registrar of Voters, shall not be appointed to any town office, board or committee within two (2) years after the recall or resignation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This Article seeks to better define the circumstance under which an elected official can be recalled. Interpretation of whether one or more of these conditions are met will be rendered by Town Counsel. Since the original act was created by the Massachusetts Legislature through a Selectmen's petition authorized by a Town Meeting, the same is required to effectuate any change.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 4 – 1 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 33: To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, two Constables for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, a member of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, two Water Commissioner for three years.

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

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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, seven 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 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

Selectmen of Hanson

James McGahan, Chairman

Kenneth Mitchell, Vice-Chairman

Donald Howard, Clerk

Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Member

James Hickey, Member

A true attest copy

Town Clerk

Date

Constable