

**SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL  
TOWN MEETING**

**OCTOBER 2, 2017**

**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 Second day of October 2017 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 a sum of money from Free Cash or available funds to pay unpaid bills from Fiscal Year 2017 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** There are a few unpaid bills from various departments, which were received after the end of fiscal year 2017. ***Requires a 9/10 vote.***

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

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or raise and appropriate 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, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Item	Budget Line #	Department	Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY18 Budget	Funding Source
1	10	Dept. 141 - Assessors Salaries	\$147,729	\$4,000	\$151,729	Taxation
2	12	Dept. 145 - Treasurer Salaries	\$186,037	\$4,283	\$190,037	Taxation
3	13	Dept. 145 - Treasurer Expense	\$10,275	\$440.00	\$10,715	Taxation
4	32	Dept. 192 - Public Bldgs - Expenses	\$28,225	\$34,000	\$62,225	Taxation
5	39	Dept. 220 – Fire, Salaries	\$1,699,259	\$53,590	\$1,752,849	Taxation
6	46	Dept. 244 - Weights & Measures Salary	\$3,264	\$120	\$3,384	Taxation
7	59	Dept. 420 - Highway Salaries	\$452,579	\$8,703	\$461,282	Taxation
8	60	Dept. 420 - Highway Expense	\$233,150	\$25,000	\$258,150	Taxation
9	64	Dept. 511 - Board of Health - Salaries	\$98,298	\$5,484	\$103,782	Taxation
10	67	Dept. 154 - Elder Affairs Salaries	\$75,088	\$5,000	\$80,088	Taxation
11	68	Dept. 541 - Elder Affairs Expense	\$9,100	\$1,600	\$10,700	Taxation
12	74	Dept. 610 - Library Salaries	\$278,888	\$4,000	\$282,888	Taxation
13	75	Dept. 610 - Library Expense	\$133,263	\$8,000	\$141,263	Taxation
14	82	Dept. 914 - Group Insurance - OPEB	\$1,853,357	\$15,000	\$1,868,357	Taxation
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$169,220</b>		

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The purpose of this article is to supplement a number of line items in the current fiscal year's budget (FY18) in order to fund a number of additional expenses associated with the following: **Item 1**, Assessors salary – Assessor is now a contract employee - salary adjustment; **Item 2**, Treasures Salary – Treasurer is a contract employee salary adjustment; **Item 3**, Treasurer Expense – Replace the timestamp machine; **Item 4**, Public Bldgs, funds for a facilities manager for remainder of the year; **Item 5**, Fire Salaries, funds for Fire Chief contract adjustment and Deputy Fire Chief half year salary; **Item 6**, Weights and Measures Salary – correction in salary line; **Item 7**, Highway Salary, Highway Surveyor is now a contract employee - salary adjustment; **Item 8**, Highway Expense, additional drainage funds; **Item 9**, Board of Health Salary – correction and adjustment to salary for Health Agent; **Item 10**, Elder Affairs Salary – adjustment to Director of Elder Affairs salary; **Item 11**, Elder Affairs expenses – Replace of AED unit; **Item 12**, Library Salary, additional staff hours; **Item 13**, Library Expense – underfunded the electrical expense line; **Item 14**, Group Insurance – adding funds to the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) fund.

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

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund collective bargaining agreements with any one or more of the following employee organizations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017:

1. Hanson Municipal Employees, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700,  
Hanson Administrative Professionals Union
2. Hanson Police Dispatchers, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700,  
Hanson Police Dispatchers Union
3. Hanson Permanent Firefighter's Association, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Local 2713
4. Hanson Highway Employees, AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700,  
Hanson Highway Union
5. Hanson Police Officers, Hanson Police Relief Association/MassCop Local 408

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund collective bargaining agreements for positions in each of the contracts to be noted in the motion to be made at Town Meeting.

**Recommendations:** *Board of Selectmen - HOLD*  
*Finance Committee - HOLD*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9 of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Expense for FY18 as follows:

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Revised FY18 Budget</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>	\$177,250	-\$50,000	\$127,250

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article to reduce the expense budget of the Transfer Station.

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

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source to satisfy the Town's obligation in association with a Federal grant for a new fire department vehicle or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** The fire department received a federal grant in the amount of \$199,000 for a new forest fire vehicle. The Town will receive \$189,524 in Federal Funds and must provide \$9,476 for the purchase of this vehicle. Estimated \$9,476.

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

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funding source a sum of money to be added to the amount appropriated in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 40 Fire Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This transfer is requested to cover the cost of a promotional process for a Deputy Chief and Lieutenant. Estimated \$10,000

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

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 15 Line #1 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to broaden the scope of the prospective purchase to include either Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles or the Town's matching share of a federal grant to replace all Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article which broadens the scope of the original article. The Fire Department has applied for a regional grant to replace all of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. This amendment will allow the Town to pay its share of the federal grant if successful or just purchase the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles if not successful.

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

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of upgrading the current security management system at the Police Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** The current security management system is 10 years old. The hardware and software are outdated and have reached the end of their serviceable life. Estimated \$10,000

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

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for a backup and disaster recovery server and software for Town Hall or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This Fault Tolerant Disaster Recovery appliance will back up all town departmental data. The server will be housed at the police station. These funds also cover a backup storage at an off-site location. Estimated \$25,000

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

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct a classification study for Administrative positions or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The Town has agreed with the Administrative Professionals Unions to undertake a reclassification of all union positions so as to insure proper placement and compensation. Estimated \$12,000

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

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct a commercial appraisal of the Maquan Elementary School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to determine the value of the school and assess the repair needs of the facility in order to fully determine the Town's use of the building. Estimated \$6,500

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

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to support the proposed use of a portion of the former Plymouth County Hospital property as a Public Park as presented by the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Final Plymouth County Hospital  
Reuse Committee

**Explanation:** This nonbinding question will validate current efforts by the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee in its efforts to seek development of a public park on said location. Given the successful removal of the old hospital and other dilapidated buildings from this site, it is now available for other uses. There has been much public support, both official and unofficial, for using part of the property for a public park, to be available seven days a week, dawn to dusk, for passive recreation and

community gatherings. Detailed elements and functions of such a park would be proposed and considered through a process that engages the public, and facilitated as needed by qualified professional organizations. Planning and actual creation of a park facility would likely require several phases over time, but the process needs to begin with the citizens of Hanson affirming their desire for a park as one of the goals for re-use of this property.

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance to provide engineering plans for various prospective uses at the former Plymouth County Hospital property or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Passover  
Finance Committee No action as article will be passed over***

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct an assessment study of the Highway facility located at 797 Indian Head Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Building Committee

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to determine the costs of removal and future use of the existing Highway facility. Estimated \$28,000

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend  
Finance Committee Voted 3 - 1 to Recommend***

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to develop final engineered plans of a new highway facility at Hawk Avenue or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Building Committee

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to develop final plans and determine the costs for relocating the Highway Facility to Hawks Avenue. Estimated \$463,000

***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 a sum of money from the amounts appropriated to Article 35 of the October 2014 Special Town Meeting Indian Head School Lintels and Article 11 Item 6 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting, Maquan School Repairs or available funds to fund the following school repair projects or take any other action in relation thereto.

Item		Description	Amount	Selectmen <u>Recommendation</u>	Funding Source
1		Maquan School repair Boiler & Replace Tubes	20,000	Recommend	Art. 11 May 2016 ATM – Maquan Roof
2		Indian Head Recommission Engineer Study HVAC system	\$15,000	Recommend	Art. 11 May 2016 ATM – Maquan Roof
3		Middle School Boiler Control	\$33,450	Recommend	Art. 35 Oct. 2014 STM IH Lintels \$30,725 and Art. 11May ATM Maquan roof \$2,725
		<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$68,450</i></b>		

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** *Item 1 – Maquan* – Boilers #1 & #2 need replacement of 124 tubes in the steam boiler. These funds are to reimburse the School District for funds previously expended. *Item 2 Indian Head* To re-commission Indian head HVAC system to include classroom univents and roof top units. *Item 3 Middle School* – To install one new boiler control with a complete boiler conversion package for one boiler.

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

**ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector on behalf of the Recreation Commission to borrow a sum of money to supplement the amounts appropriated in Article 11, Item 8 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting to replace the septic system at Camp Kiwanee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission



**Explanation:** These additional funds are needed for the engineering and installation of a new septic system. Estimated \$250,000 ***Requires 2/3 vote***

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

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings a sum of money for the purposes of engineering plans for the Cranberry Cove dock system of the pilings and all necessary related work or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** The Cranberry Cove docks were installed in 1975. Since that time the pilings have rotted and have moved underground to the point that they are tilted in the water. The dock system can no longer safely be secured to the pilings and in order to make adjustments to the pilings or install new pilings, the DEP requires certified site plans in accordance with M.G. L. c. 91 & 18C licensing for docks. Estimated \$10,000

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

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote transfer from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings a sum of money for engineered study of the grounds and buildings including exterior, interior, gas, plumbing, electric and underground services, to determine a matrix system for the upkeep and repairs necessary in properly maintaining the entire Historic Site known as Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** The Recreation Commission has unveiled several urgent projects that are in need of repairs. This engineered study will assure the Commission of all necessary repairs needed for the upkeep of the Camp. It will also give the Recreation Commission and the staff a complete matrix and unbiased list of priorities that are needed in order to properly maintain the property and be good stewards of the Historic Site. Estimated \$15,900

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

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a new cutting head for the Town's Trackless Vehicle or taken any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** The Highway department's Trackless Machine is utilized for snow removal and roadside mowing. There is a great deal of wear and tear this vehicle has subjected to over the course of many years. The Existing Brush Arm is sufficient to receive a new head and this course of action is significantly more cost effective than replacing the entire Brush Arm. This Equipment is required to maintain roadway visibility and keeping the roadways safe. Estimated \$10,000

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

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash or available funds or borrow a sum of money to be used for design services to advance the Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction project as presently being reviewed by the Project Review Committee (PRC) to the Plan Design Phase or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction Project is ultimately anticipated to include improvements to traffic circulation and safety, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and roadway flooding along Maquan Street from Liberty Street (Route 58) and Indian Head Street to the Pembroke Town Line, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles and link pedestrian and bicycle accommodations from the existing Indian Head School, Maquan Elementary School, Hanson Public Library and sports fields with Maquan Street and its abutting neighborhoods. The Plan Design Phase is the Town's 10% contribution to the overall \$7.5 Million construction project. Estimated \$750,000  
***Requires 2/3 vote.***

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

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money 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 dollar amount appropriated under this article will increase the Stabilization Fund to \$1,146,597 which represents 5% of the operating budget. 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. Estimated \$25,000.

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

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money to be added to the Regional School 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 \$60,173.00. Estimated \$10,000.00

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

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$500,000.00, for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town, 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 8, (5) 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 Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This will allow the Water Department to replace old water mains; eliminate bleeders on dead end streets; for better water quality. ***Requires 2/3 vote.***

**Recommendations:** ***Board of Selectmen – Voted 5 – 0 to Pass over***  
***Finance Committee – No action as article will be passed over***

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$150,000 from Water Surplus to be added to Article#25 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, to replace several water gates throughout the town's water system that are not working properly or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This article is just a continuation to replace various gates in town that are over 50 years old and do not operate properly. This article will allow a contractor to come in and replace them.

**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 transfer from Water Surplus, \$25,000 to replace the porch at the Water Department office, 1073 West Washington Street, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** The water department has never replaced the porch since moving into the building over 15 years ago. The porch is getting hazardous and needs to be brought up to ADA requirements. This price is for a concrete porch with galvanized railings.

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

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$10,000 for one pump and 2 motors for the Crystal Springs Wellfield or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This article is to have in stock; motors and pumps when one of the wells goes down for repair. When a pump or motor is burned out; it takes weeks to order a new one and get the well up and running. This will save the water department time to have them installed quickly.

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

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$150,000 to purchase a new truck; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This will replace the Water Department's 1995 International 4900 dump truck that is over 20 years old.

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

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will transfer from Water Surplus, \$30,000 to purchase a new surge control valve for the deep well or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation::** This valve will prevent water hammers & surges during the normal pumping operations of the deep well and prevent severe damage to the pump and motor when the well is turning on and shutting down.

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

**ARTICLE 30:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from Water Surplus to rehabilitate Well#4 at the Crystal Spring Wellsite or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation::** Well#4 was last worked on in 2014. When the water department had all the wells tested for their specific capacity in February of this year; Well #4 wasn't performing at 100% and is in need of refurbishing.

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

**ARTICLE 31:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the repair to the Thomas Mill Wheel or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Historical Commission

**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 dissolve the Hanson Town Forest Committee, and to designate the Conservation Commission to perform all the functions of said Committee and manage all designated Town Forests or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Forest Committee

**Explanation:** The parcel of land now known as *Veterans Memorial Town Forest* was set aside by Town Meeting in 1938 as Hanson's first public "conservation area" (though that particular term would have been ahead of its time). Now, however, it is simply one of a number of areas whose natural resources are protected and managed by the Conservation Commission. For several years it has become increasingly obvious that there is a duplication of effort between the Town Forest Committee and the Conservation Commission. To have more than one single unit of town government responsible for managing is redundant and unnecessary.

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

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the town will vote to place the property identified as Assessors Map 105, Parcel 7, under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of wildlife, recreation and forestry, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** This property identified as Assessors Map 105 Parcel 7 is currently owned by the Town of Hanson and contains 1.90 acres with frontage on Brook Street. This property is not a buildable lot as it functions as part of the drainage system and contains areas of wetlands. It is the opinion of the Conservation Commission that this property should be retained by the town and placed under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for conservation and storm water management purposes. Placing this property under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission will allow the Commission to monitor the site and conduct activities to maintain and support the retention of the site in its natural scenic and open condition for wildlife conservation, native habitat protection, public recreation, protection of scenic views and other conservation uses. *Requires 2/3 vote*

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

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of the following Massachusetts General Laws in accordance with the Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act:

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F  
MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22G  
MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D  
MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K  
MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article which addresses changes recommended in the Municipal Modernization act.

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F - Adds a local acceptance option to make the spouse of a disabled veteran who holds title to the veteran's domicile as a trustee or conservator eligible for available veteran exemptions and the surviving spouse who acquired title to a deceased veteran's domicile under a trust or conservatorship to retain eligibility for an exemption.

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22G - Adds a local acceptance option to make the spouse of a veteran who holds title to the veteran's domicile as a trustee or conservator eligible for available veteran exemptions and the surviving spouse

who acquired title to a deceased veteran's domicile under a trust or conservatorship to retain eligibility for an exemption.

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D The amounts of the gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal shall be increased annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year.

MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K - Increases the maximum abatement allowed to cities and towns that have accepted the senior work-off abatement statute to \$1,500. The current limit is \$1,000 or 125 hours of voluntary service, whichever is higher.

MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 - Provides expressly for the creation of a trust fund to reserve money for retiree health insurance and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) that complies with standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The OPEB fund of local governmental entities that accepted MGL c. 32B, sec. 20 before the effective date of the Act continues to be governed under the original terms of the statute unless the entities reaccept MGL c. 32B, sec. 20 after the effective date of the Act.

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

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-laws , Article 3 – 8, Town Property, section 6A by deleting the following:

“except for the Lodge at Camp Kiwanee when functions are in progress”

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** Section 6A relates to the prohibition of smoking tobacco products in all Municipal buildings in the Town of Hanson. Smoking is not allowed at Needles Lodge.

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



**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-laws Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 1C Exclusions by inserting a new subsection f as follows:

“f. Any and all contracts negotiated by an elected Board as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws.”

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**Explanation:** This will allow an elected Board to enter into a contract with any employees under its oversight as permitted from time to time through changes in the Massachusetts General Laws.

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

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-laws, Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 11A Professional Positions as follows:

	<b>7/1/16</b>	<b>7/1/17</b>
A. Director of Elder Affair	\$35,000 - \$55, 000	\$35,000 - \$70,000
D. Inspector of Buildings – Full Time Salary	\$20,000 - \$60,000	\$20,000 - \$70,000
E. Health Agent	\$40,000 - \$60,000	\$40,000 - \$70,000

or taken any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**Explanation:** This article adjusts the salary ranges of the above positions to be consistent with other Professional Positions in Section 11A.

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

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-laws Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 12D Vacation leave by deleting Section a, subsection 1 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

“With the exception of employees listed in Section 11A: Professional Positions who upon completion of six month of continued service shall be granted 15 days vacation with regular pay, all other employee who has completed six (6) months of continuous service shall be granted five (5) days vacation leave with regular pay. An employee who has completed one (1) continuous year of service shall be granted ten (10) days vacation leave with regular pay. All vacation time shall be calculated based on the employee’s regular weekly scheduled hours.”

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**Explanation:** This amendment provides equity between the Professional Position employees and the contractual department heads.

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

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, **Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7** by deleting subsection **E Signs and F Temporary Signs** and replacing said sections with the following and/or take any other action relative thereto:

**E. Permitted and Prohibited Signs**

1. All permitted signs shall conform with any design guidelines set forth in the Sign Regulations as may be established by the Planning Board, and with those standards set forth in this section E herein, and with all other federal, state and local requirements.
2. The following signs shall be permitted without a permit:
  - a. Construction Signs: A maximum of four signs located on construction sites which advertise the commercial enterprise engaging in work on the property. Said signs may be maintained only while a valid construction permit is active. For commercial and residential projects on sites 3 acres or larger, said signs shall not exceed aggregate 32 square feet, calculated in accordance with the Sign Regulations. For all other projects, said signs shall not exceed 16 aggregate square feet.
  - b. Government Signs: Official Federal, State or local government signs and notices issued by any court, person or officer in performance of a public duty.

- c. Miscellaneous Small Signs: Signs with an aggregate area not to exceed 3 square feet and located within 5 feet of an entrance to a building.
  - d. No Trespassing Signs: Trespassing warnings that are posted in compliance with the requirements of Federal, State and local laws.
  - e. Traffic Safety Signs: Signs warning of construction, excavation, or similar hazards if expressly approved by the Town of Hanson Zoning Enforcement Officer. Parking lot and other private traffic directional signs each not exceeding 3 feet in height and 5 square feet in area and limited to guidance of pedestrian or vehicular traffic within the premises on which they are located.
  - f. Real Estate Signs: Temporary signs indicating that the property on which the sign is located is for sale, rent or lease, as provided for by law. Only one such sign is permitted to face on each street adjacent to the property. Such signs may be single or double-faced and are limited in size to 3 square feet or less on property in residential zones, and 10 square feet or less on property in commercial zones.
  - g. Temporary Window Signs: Temporary signs on commercial properties, affixed to the inside of the window, or hung within 12 inches of a window promoting grand openings and special events (commercial or non-commercial), provided the sign or signs do not exceed 10 percent of each window area, or 4 square feet per window, whichever is greater.
  - h. Transit Signs: Signs identifying transit stops, facilities, times and routes.
  - i. Utility Signs: Signs placed by utility companies as part of the normal operation and maintenance of facilities such as public telephones and underground services.
  - j. Vehicle Signs: painted signs or decals affixed to the body of any vehicle, unless parked for the primary purpose of displaying the sign.
  - k. Political Signs: Political signs in all zoning districts on private property with the property owner's authorization. Said signs are not subject to size limitations, provided however, structures shall require a building permit.
  - l. Farm Stands: A farm stand may have no more than two temporary ground identification signs. Such signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and six feet in height from the ground; be located on the same lot as the farm stand. A farm stand may have temporary signs(s) at the nearest intersecting streets with the land owner's permission. Farm Stand signs may not be illuminated or create a hazard to traffic, and must be removed when the farm stand closes for the season.
  - m. Yard Sales: Signs for yard sales shall be limited to not more than three consecutive days.
3. The following signs shall be prohibited:
- a. Public safety. No sign shall not block reasonable sight lines of roads, streets, ways or sidewalks.

- b. Municipal Property. With the exception of Government Signs, Traffic Safety Signs, Transit Signs and Utility Signs, no signs shall be placed on public property without express written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
- c. Signs that Block Ingress or Egress. Any sign, such as a sandwich-board sign, placed or maintained so as to interfere with free ingress to or egress from any door, window, fire escape, or parking lot.
- d. Signs in the Street Right of Way. Any sign placed in any street right of way without a valid permit or prior approval for the purpose of safety or traffic control. No sign shall be affixed to or posted in front of any guardrails located in a public right of way.
- e. Signs on Street Trees: Any sign posted on or affixed to a street tree, fence or utility pole.
- f. Simulated Traffic Signs. Any sign which simulates or imitates any traffic sign or signal in size, color, lettering or design, or which makes use of words, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- g. Portable Signs, excepting temporary real estate or construction signs; and sandwich board signs that do not pose an obstruction to vehicles

**F. Signs requiring Sign Site Plan Review**

- 1. Signs requiring site plan review shall include: (a) Signs with moving, flashing, electronic or animated images or copy; (b) Illuminated or neon Signs and (c) Reflective or Fluorescent Signs. ***Requires 2/3 vote***

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law is to establish design guidelines as set forth in the Sign Regulations as may be established by the Planning Board and clarify those signs that are permitted without further review of the Appeals Board. ***A green handout will be provided highlighting the changes which occurred after the posting of the official warrant.***

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

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, **Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7** by add subsection **G 7. Sign Site Plan Review** as follows and/or take any other action relative thereto:

7. Sign Site Plan Review.

- a. Application Requirements: In addition to a completed application and filing fee, an applicant must submit the following (i) A photograph showing the existing facade, on which has been indicated the proposed, and a portion of adjoining stores or building (ii) for a proposed building or new facade, an architect's elevation may be submitted in lieu of a photograph; (iii) a scale drawing of the proposed sign indicating: the type of proposed sign (wall, hanging, free standing), dimensions of the proposed sign and any designs, logos, or lettering, cross-section with dimensions showing edge detail, minimum scale 1" = 1', minimum sheet size, 8.5 x 11"; (iv) a scale drawing of the bracket with a colored scale graphic indicating dimensions, showing colors, materials and method of affixing it to the sign and to the building, minimum scale 1" = 1', minimum sheet size, 8.5 x 11".
- b. Approval. Sign Site Plan Approval shall be granted upon a determination by the Board of Appeals upon the following findings: (i) the design of signs and abutting features shall not detract from the design of proposed buildings and structures and the surrounding properties; (ii) the design of signs and abutting features shall maximize pedestrian and vehicular safety both on and off the site; (iii) the design of signs and abutting features shall minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; (iv) the design of signs and abutting features shall minimize lighting intrusion;
- c. Conditions. The Board of Appeals may impose reasonable conditions, even at the expense of the applicant, to ensure that the following conditions have been satisfied.
- d. Regulations. The Board of Appeals may adopt, and may from time to time amend reasonable regulations for signs.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law is to clarify those signs that are expressly permitted and prohibited without further review of the Appeals Board. Sign site plan review is to permit greater flexibility in determining whether signs, in certain forms, are appropriate for the specific locality in which they are proposed to be sited. Its further purpose is to provide oversight of sign design in light of every changing technological advances which adjust the appearance and impact of signs. ***Requires 2/3 Vote***

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

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 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

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**Selectmen of Hanson**

**A true attest copy**

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**Town Clerk**

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**Date**

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**Constable**

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