



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF HANSON  
WARRANT FOR May 1, 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

# MAY ANNUAL 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 Hanson Middle School, 111 Liberty Street in said Hanson on **Monday the first day of May 1, 2023** at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Proposed by the Select Board

**Explanation:** The Reports voted on are those published in the 2022 Town Report.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2024 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to maintain accounts using credits instead of money to pay for banking charges.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as follows:

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
Town Clerk	\$75,639.00	\$77,630.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

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



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**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will revoke the provisions of Chapter 44, §53F1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, ceasing the Hanson Transfer Station as an enterprise fund effective Fiscal Year 2024; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** The Transfer Station is no longer self-sustaining as an Enterprise Fund. The cost to operate the Transfer Station has consistently and increasingly exceeded the revenue from stickers, bags, and trip tickets year over year. When the Enterprise Fund was instituted in 2014, China was accepting recycling at no cost to the municipality. Since 2017 when China ceased accepting recyclables, the cost to dispose of recyclables has been added to the cost to operate the Transfer Station. More recently, due to inflationary impact, disposal and hauling costs have increased and fuel charges have been instituted. These increases are in addition to wage, indirect costs, and utility increases. Absent substantial increases to user fees, the Enterprise Fund model is not able to sustain the operation of the Transfer Station. As such, Transfer Station revenue will now be directed to the General Fund.

**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 **2024 Fiscal Year**; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY24 Annual Budget Lines as presented in the Informational Warrant.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2024, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½.

<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	<b><u>FY23</u></b>	<b><u>FY24</u></b>
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$239,752	\$200,000
Retained Earnings	\$165,000	\$ 0
Taxation	\$ 0	\$128,815
<b>Total Budgeted Revenues:</b>	<b>\$227,027</b>	<b>\$328,815</b>



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<b>Estimated Expenses:</b>	<u><b>FY23</b></u>	<u><b>FY24</b></u>	
Item	Amount	Amount	
Salaries	\$125,752	\$116,115	Taxation
		\$200,000	Receipts
Expenses	\$229,000	\$12,300	Taxation
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses:</b>	<b>\$404,752</b>	<b>\$328,415</b>	

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** This article will be passed over if Article 4 passes; however, if Article 4 fails, the Transfer Station will require a budget within the confines of G.L. c. 44, §53F1/2. The total cost of operating the Transfer Station is \$328,415. A portion of the Salaries \$116,115 and expenses \$12,300 will be paid from general taxation.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer the sum of \$35,000 from Computer Services to be added to the Technology Department’s budget to hire a part-time Information Technology Assistant for 19 hours per week; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board/Wage and Personnel

**Explanation:** The funds will help secure a part-time Information Technology Assistant for the Technology Department to assist with the daily IT operations of the Town

**ARTICLE 8:** To determine whether the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available sums, a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town’s assessed share of the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District; or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Explanation:** This article refers to the Whitman Hanson Regional School Operational Assessment. Please review the Informational Warrant for additional information, detailing the school budget as voted by the School Committee vs the Town of Hanson Select Board and Finance Committee recommendations.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Mass. General Laws Ch. 90, for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town accepted roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Highway Director; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board



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

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to set the spending limits of the Town’s revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Spending Limit</u>
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

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

**Explanation:** This article sets the spending limits for the revolving the annual revolving accounts.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel Bylaws, Article 2 - 12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Sections 11A through 11E in its entirety and inserting the new Sections 11A through 11E as follows:

**SECTION 11 A: PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

	<b>10/3/2022</b>	<b>7/1/2023</b>
A Director of Elder Affairs	35,000 to 75,000	35,000 to 75,000
B Town Accountant	45,000 to 75,000	45,000 to 95,000
Town Accountant – Part-Time hourly rate	24.00 to 41.00	24.00 to 41.00
C Inspector of Buildings – Full-time Salary	51,700 to 75,000	51,700 to 75,000
Inspector of Buildings – Part-time hourly rate	35.00 to 45.00	35.00 to 45.00
D Health Agent	40,000 to 70,000	40,000 to 70,000
E Conservation Agent – Full Time	35,000 to 89,000	35,000 to 89,000
Conservation Agent – Part-time hourly rate	28.00 to 45.00	28.00 to 45.00
F Library Director	70,000 to 90,000	70,000 to 90,000



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G	Town Planner	45,000 to 90,000	45,000 to 90,000
H	Town Planner/Conservation Agent	45,000 to 75,000	45,000 to 75,000
I	Informational Technology Director	60,000 to 115,000	60,000 to 115,000
J	Recreation Director **	30,000 to 50,000	30,000 to 50,000
K	Grant Writer/ Procurement Administrator	50,000 to 70,000	50,000 to 70,000

**SECTION 11 B: ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR FULL TIME**

		10/3/2022	7/1/2023
A	Executive Assistant	17.00 to 34.00	<b>28.00 to 38.00</b>
B	Assistant to Police Chief	18.00 to 40.00	18.00 to 40.00
C	<i>Veterans' Agent ~ Annual salary</i>	7,000 to 33,000	<b>55,000 to 62,000</b>
D	Reference Librarian	22.00 to 31.00	22.00 to 31.00
E	Youth Services Librarian	22.00 to 31.00	22.00 to 31.00
F	Animal Control Officer ~ Annual Salary	17,000 to 28,000	17,000 to 28,000
G	Van Drivers/Aide *	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
H	Social Day Care Coordinator *	15.00 to 21.00	15.00 to 21.00
I	Camp Kiwanee Caretaker **	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
J	Youth Services Associate	18.00 to 24.00	18.00 to 24.00
K	<i>Library/Senior Center Custodian</i>	18.00 to 24.00	<b>22.00 to 26.00</b>
L	<i>Facilities Manager</i>	20,000 to 45,000	<b>70,000 to 80,000</b>

**SECTION 11 C: PART TIME POSITIONS**

		10/3/2022	7/1/2023
A	Assistant Inspector of Building	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
B	Gas Inspector	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
C	Plumbing Inspector	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
D	Wiring Inspector	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
E	Civil Defense Director ~ Annual Salary	900 to 1,300 yr.	900 to 1,300 yr.
F	Police Matron	18.00 to 30.00	18.00 to 30.00
G	Outreach/Seniors *	15.00 to 22.00	15.00 to 22.00
H	Assistant Coordinator *	15.00 to 22.00	15.00 to 22.00
I	Volunteer Services Intergenerational Coordinator*	15.00 to 19.00	15.00 to 19.00
J	Senior Center Support Staff *	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
K	Back-up Van Driver *	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
L	Animal Inspector	1,000 to 1,600	1,000 to 1,600
M	Election Clerk	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
N	Election Officer	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00



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O	Election Warden	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
P	Registrar of Voters	15.00 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
	Assistant Caretaker **	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
R	Sealer of Weights & Measurers ~ Annual Salary	2,500 to 3,500 yr.	2,500 to 3,500 yr.
S	Milk Inspector	150 to 300 yr.	150 to 300 yr.
T	Assistant Veterans Agent	15.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 15.00
U	Committee Clerical/Administrative Support Staff	15.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 15.00
V	Emergency Clerical Labor	15.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 15.00
W	Transfer Station Attendant	15.00 to 21.00	15.00 to 21.00
X	Camp Kiwanee Event Coordinator	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
Y	Facilities Manager Part Time Hourly Rate	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
Z	Public Buildings Custodian	18.00 to 24.00	18.00 to 24.00
AA	Assistant Health Agent	15.00 to 22.00	15.00 to 22.00
BB	Student Police Officer	25.00 to 40.00	25.00 to 40.00
CC	Part-time Police Officers/Special Police Officers	25.00 to 90.00	25.00 to 90.00
DD	Civilian Traffic Control Agent	25.00 to 90.00	25.00 to 90.00
EE	<i>Information Technology Assistant</i>		<b>28.00 to 35.00</b>
FF	<i>Select Board Part-time Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator and Select Board</i>		<b>17.00 to 34.00</b>

**SECTION 11 D: SEASONAL POSITIONS \*\***

		10/3/2022	7/1/2023
A	Beach Director	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
B	Water Safety Instructor	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
C	Lifeguards	15.00 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00
D	Boat Coordinator	15.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
E	Boating Instructor	15.00 to 20.00	15.00 to 20.00
F	Concession Worker	15.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
G	Recreation Assistant	15.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
H	Security/Gate Attendants	15.00 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00

\* Positions are funded through the Multi-Service Senior Center’s revolving account or grants

\*\* Positions are funded through the Recreation Commission’s Enterprise Fund.

**SECTION 11 E: CALL FIREFIGHTERS/OFFICERS**

Position	Start 10/3/22	10 yrs.	15 yrs.	20 yrs.	25 yrs.
Call Firefighter in training	\$16.00	0	0	0	0
Probationary Firefighter	\$18.00	0	0	0	0
Call Firefighter	\$22.00	+ 2%	+2%	+2%	+ 2%
Call Fire Lieutenant	\$24.00	+2 %	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 2%



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\$500.00 stipend will be paid in June of each fiscal year to those call firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an EMT recognized by the State and approved by the Fire Chief. Paramedics will receive a \$1,000.00 stipend or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

**Explanation:** The changes to the Compensation Plan are in *bold italicized* text. The changes include the creation of a part-time Informational Technology Assistant position and a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Select Boar’s office position, and the adjustment of salary ranges to reflect full time status for the following positions: Veterans’ Agent, Library/Senior Center Custodian and Facilities Manager.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2024, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½; or take any other action in relation thereto.

<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	<b><u>FY24</u></b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Program Receipts (fees)	\$268,488
Retained Earnings	\$45,512
Taxation	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$314,000

<b>Estimated Expenses</b>	<b><u>FY 24 Budget</u></b>
<b>Item</b>	
Salaries	\$131,700
Expenses	\$150,800
Debt Service	\$0
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 31,500</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$314,000

Proposed by the Camp Kiwanee Commission

**Explanation:** These budget request amounts for FY24 as voted by the Camp Kiwanee Commission for the operation and maintenance of Camp Kiwanee.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to request that the Town of Hanson Planning Board consider adopting amendments to the Hanson Subdivision Control Rules and Regulations regarding the placement of stormwater retention areas in underground chambers where site conditions allow and require conformity with all state stormwater guidelines in place at the time; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Planning Board



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**Explanation:** This non-binding article requests that the Planning Board consider certain amendments of its rules and regulations. A “Retention Area” is a form of stormwater management and treatment. Retention areas function by retaining stormwater and then allowing said stormwater to infiltrate into the existing soil beneath them. The Planning Board will review all local and state regulations and best engineering practices during the next revision of the Hanson Subdivision Control Rules and Regulations to determine if underground chambers are the most feasible and economical option.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3-3 of the General Bylaw of the Town of Hanson, by adding a new subsection 2C., a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, regarding the regulation of the demolition and disposal of inground pools; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** Neither the current general bylaw nor the state building code provides guidance on the demolition and proper disposal of inground pools. The amendment will provide the necessary regulations for contractors working within the Town of Hanson to follow. The amendment contains similar language used in other municipalities.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Matrix as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee  
and the Select Board

**Explanation:** This is the annual article which approves the Capital Improvement matrix for the next fiscal year as presented in the Informational Warrant.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$25,000 to build the stand and re-install the water wheel on the Nathaniel Thomas Mill, located on Liberty Street; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Nathaniel Thomas Mill Committee

**Explanation** When the original funding was received for the replacement of the wheel, the stand was thought be in good condition. Once the wheel was removed, the stand had significant rot. The funds are necessary to rebuild the stand and attach the wheel to the rebuilt stand.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2024 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 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:





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**Appropriations:**

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses 10,000

**Reserves:**

From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$ 65,600
From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 65,600
From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 65,600
From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$426,400

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.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Open Space Reserve \$3,653.22 for the purpose of placing a Conservation Restriction on the Sleeper Property located at 0 Maquan Street; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** The Sleeper property was acquired for Open Space through a combination of Community Preservation Act funds and a state grant. The Community Preservation Act requires that any land acquired with Community Preservation Act funds (whether in part or entirely) must have a Conservation Restriction placed upon it. This Conservation Restriction requires monitoring that certain conditions are met on the property. Wildlands Trust has agreed to help the Town of Hanson to comply with the Community reservation Act by accepting a Conservation Restriction on the parcel at 0 Maquan Street (a/k/a Sleeper Property) and performing the required monitoring duties. To perform that service, they require a total fee of \$11,070.38. \$3,653.22 of this fee will be paid for using Community Preservation Act funds and the remaining amount will be paid for using the Conservation Fund.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,565 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the purposes of restoring scrolls of an 1857 Linen Map of the towns that constitute Plymouth County; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** The Town of Hanson was gifted an 1857 Linen Map on scrolls of the towns that make up Plymouth County. The Town of Hanson Assessor, Lee Gamache, and



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the 200th Anniversary Committee, along with the Historical commission would like to have the map restored and framed to preserve for future reference and historical purposes.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$65,000 from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund to purchase and erect a new playground area for Cranberry Cove, including installation, laying foundation and purchasing equipment, and attendant expenses allowable under the CPC guidelines; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** The historic Cranberry Cove has been in need of a renovation for quite some time. The cove is the only public swimming hole in the Town of Hanson. This project will be elect a playground on the south side of the cove. Providing the citizen of Hanson more recreation opportunities.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$35,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for the purpose of restoring some of the landscaping at Camp Kiwanee's Cranberry Cove and renovations to the Bathhouse; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** This project is a part of an ongoing effort to restore and rejuvenate cranberry cove, the only public waterfront recreation in the town of Hanson. This landscaping will bring back the natural settings of the cove and work to make cranberry cove once again the spot to be within Hanson. This proposal will include the landscaping design and implementation of the beach along with other renovations of the Bathhouse.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the town will vote to transfer \$1,500 from Free Cash for the Economic Development Committee outreach program for Hanson businesses and to conduct outreach to bring businesses to Hanson; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Economic Development Committee

**Explanation:** The Hanson Economic Development Committee will be conducting an outreach program by sending informational letters to existing Town of Hanson business as well as attracting new businesses to Hanson.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the town will vote to reduce the interest rate to 2% from 5% which is applicable to tax deferral and recovery agreements entered into pursuant to G.L. c 59, § 5, Clause 41A, which provides for a property tax deferral for certain qualified seniors, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors



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**Explanation:** Town Meeting voters will now be able to establish an alternative lower interest rate to apply to property tax deferrals. Any changes in the rate would need to be voted no later than July 1 of the fiscal year to which the tax relates. The Assessors are recommending an interest rate of 2% for property tax deferrals, commencing with taxes deferred in fiscal 2024. The current rate is 5%.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59, §5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** This is a Local Option to increase the Gross Receipts a property owner may have from all sources of income from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in order to qualify for Property Tax Deferral Clause 41A Exemption

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$22,000 from Free Cash for the purchase of sixteen (16) Ballistic Vests with carriers; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Department

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to replace twenty Ballistic Vests. The current vests are five years old and have reached the end of their useful life.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash or raise and appropriate \$7,500.00 to treat invasive phragmites at Smitty's Bog; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** Phragmites have invaded the Smitty's Bog Reserve and threaten to spread throughout this important resource area. The Town's agreement with the federal USDA/NRCS requires that this reserve's ecosystem be maintained in good health for the continued enjoyment of future users. A wetlands specialist will be engaged to treat the invasive weed in an effort to eradicate it at this site.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$20,000 to replenish the Conservation Fund; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** The Conservation Fund supports the Commission's efforts to carry out its care and custody responsibilities for open space and recreation areas. These efforts include trail building and maintenance; provision of signage, notices, and other information; property enhancements such as mowing, invasive vegetation removal, and site clean-up; wildlife habitat and stream improvements; removal of encroachments;



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establishment of bounds and survey recordings; and equipment rental as necessary to support these activities.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,800 from free cash for sealing and painting of the Garage Shop Roof; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Department

**Explanation:** The rear Shop/Garage Roof has been leaking for many years, it was studied in the 2014 Hanson Facilities review and was reported as follows: *“Metal repair garage: The existing metal roof is leaking and is in need of replacement. Remove and replace the roof in its entirety. Estimated cost of replacement \$200,000.00”*. This article is a much less substantial investment in this obsolete building, providing necessary relief until the long-term solution to a new Highway Facility is realized. The current condition of the roof however, needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from ARPA the sum of \$30,000 to retain the services of a qualified firm to provide an assessment for environmental and hazardous materials at the Highway Department site located at 797 Indian Head Street and land surveying services to determine and establish the existing property lines at that site; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The Town is in process of studying the conditions at the existing Highway Department location to assess the possibility of constructing a new Highway Department building. The site assessment would determine existing soil conditions within areas of a future building. Additionally, the current deed and title information is poorly written and vague. The services of a land surveyor are required to research and establish the existing property lines by instrument survey on the ground. Once completed, this will provide vital information in determining the best course of action for the site.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to r transfer from free cash the sums of money in the amounts and for the Capital Improvements and purchases printed below:

Line	Department	Item	AMOUNT	Capital Improvement Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Fire	Protective Clothing	\$ 98,500	3-0	ARPA
2	Highway	Unit 6 f350 1 Ton with Sander	\$ 140,000	3-0	ARPA
3	Highway	Unit C1 2500 HD pickup truck	\$ 75,000	3-0	ARPA
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 313,500</b>		

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Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The items listed below are proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee after having met and discussed with the Town's department heads.

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will approve the amended South Shore Regional Vocational School District Regional Agreement 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 Committee

**Explanation:** The regional agreement, last updated in 2018 is being updated primarily to include the Town of Marshfield as a member of the Regional School District, which would take effect July 1, 2024. Other changes to the agreement are outlined in the agreement on file.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to Section VI, Use Regulations, of the Hanson Zoning Bylaws, on file with the Town Clerk, as recommended by the Hanson Planning Board on February 27, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** Sections of the use regulations have been updated to provide clarification and to address issues raised by citizens and departments within town to address the following: (1) Upland requirements (clarification); (2) Setback requirements from two streets. (Updated based on concerns raised by various departments).

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of the Hanson Zoning Bylaws to add a new section, Section VI.1, Detached Accessory Apartment, on file with the Town Clerk, as recommended by the Hanson Planning Board on February 27, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This section authorizing the provision of detached accessory dwelling apartments is intended to: (1) Increase the number of small dwelling units available in the Town; (2) Increase the range of choice of housing accommodations; (3) Encourage greater diversity of population with particular attention to young adults and senior citizens; and (4) Encourage a more economic and energy-efficient use of the Town's housing supply while maintaining the appearance and character of the Town's one-family neighborhoods.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of the Hanson Zoning Bylaws to add a new section, Section VI(O), Battery Storage Farms, on file with the



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Town Clerk, as recommended by the Hanson Planning Board on February 27, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This Battery Energy Storage System Law is adopted to advance and protect the public health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of The Town of Hanson by creating regulations for the installation and use of battery energy storage systems, with the following objectives: (1) to provide a regulatory scheme for the designation of properties suitable for the location, construction and operation of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS); (2) to ensure compatible land uses in the vicinity of the areas affected by Battery Energy Storage Systems; (3) to mitigate the impacts of Battery Energy Storage Systems on the environmental resources and other protected resources; (4) to create synergy between battery energy storage system development and the August 2018 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Act to Advance Clean Energy that established the Clean Peak Standard Energy Storage System.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment of the Hanson Zoning Bylaws to add a new section, Section VI(N), Medium and Small Ground Mounted Solar Arrays, on file with the Town Clerk, as recommended by the Hanson Planning Board on February 27, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law amendment is to promote the creation of new large, medium and small-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the following sections of the Hanson Zoning Bylaws Section VII, Pork Chop & Hammerhead Lots, Section VII, Lot Access – Driveways, Section VII(C), Accessory Building, and Section VII(D), Off Street Parking and Loading Areas, on file with the Town Clerk, as recommended by the Hanson Planning Board on February 27, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law amendment is to provide clarification and additional regulation to the following areas: (1) Section VII – Pork Chop & Hammerhead Lots to be renamed as Estate or Retreat Lots, which would bring the bylaw in line with surrounding communities; (2) Section VII – Lot Access – Driveways, to allow only one driveway per dwelling lot for proposed construction activities; (3) Section VII(C) – To clarify existing Accessory Building, requirements regarding setbacks to property lines;



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(4) Section VII(D) – To clarify existing Off-Street Parking and Loading Areas requirements.

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to Section XII, Adequate Access Determination, of the Hanson Zoning Bylaws, on file with the Town Clerk, as recommended by the Hanson Planning Board on February 27, 2023; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law amendment is to provide clarification and additional regulation to the Adequate Access and Improvement to Private Ways bylaw.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way, Alden Way, Gray Lane and Stringer Lane as laid out by the Select Board pursuant to G.L. c. 41 and c.82 as described in detail below and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase or by eminent domain as easement to use said streets for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hanson and all associated easements; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto; and to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this vote:

Alden Way, Gray Lane and Stringer Lane are shown on a plan entitled “Alden Way” in Hanson, Massachusetts prepared for Tedeschi Gray LTD dated April 22, 1997 Revised through July 19, 1997 by SITEC, Inc. which Plan is duly recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deed as Plan No, 803 of 1997 in Plan Book 40, pages 652-654.

Please see additional information listed in the Information Warrant.

Citizens’ Petition proposed by Sandra Crawford, et al.

**ARTICLE 39:** Resolution in support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts  
**Whereas** the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonist and the Native Nations of the regions, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonist on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers’ first winter on their land;

**Whereas** members of the Native Nation for whom the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, at Wessagusett (now Weymouth) in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived;

**Whereas** the Colonial broadsword held by a white hand above the head of the Indigenous person on the Massachusetts Flag and Seal is modeled after Myles Standish’s own broadsword, borrowed for that purpose from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;



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**Whereas** the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Indigenous leaders that resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Colonial encroachment;

**Whereas** the proportions of the body of the Indigenous person on the Flag and Seal were taken from the skeleton of an Indigenous person unearthed in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from an Indigenous man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and the facial features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

**Whereas** the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called "praying Indians" on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in the winter of 1675, the enslavement of Indigenous people in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Indigenous men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Indigenous adult males by 1722, half that amount for Indigenous women and children;

**Whereas** Indigenous people were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that Colonial law was finally repealed;

**Whereas** the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the landing of the Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate government policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, occurred in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to an appreciation of the need for better relations between the descendants of the Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

**Whereas** the land area now known as the Town of Hanson, shares a rich Native history with modern tribal Nations such as the Massachusetts and the Wampanoag, who inhabited this area long before the first colonial settlers arrived in 1632;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Hanson hereby adopts this resolution in support of the work of the Special Commission on the Official Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, established by a Resolve of the General Court in 2021 and appointed by the Governor to recommend changes to the current flag and seal of Massachusetts, and **in support of a new flag and seal for the Commonwealth** that may better reflect our aspirations for harmonious and respectful relations between all people who now call Massachusetts home. The town clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Sen. Michael Brady, Rep. David DeCoste, and Rep. Josh Cutler, with the request that they support the work of the aforementioned Special Commission and advocate for a new flag and seal for the Commonwealth.

Citizens' Petition proposed by Marianne DiMascio, et al.





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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

**Town of Hanson Select Board**

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Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Chair

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Joseph Weeks, Vice-Chair

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Ann Rein, Clerk

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James Hickey, Member

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Edwin Heal, Member

**A true attest copy:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Town Clerk**

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**Date**

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**Constable**

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**Date**