

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 **Fourth day of May, 2009** at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the articles in this warrant and furthermore to meet in the Maquan School Auditorium and Cafeteria, on School Street, in said Hanson on Saturday, the **Sixteenth of May, 2009** at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for Town Officials as stipulated in **Article 19** 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 **2008** Town Report.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to recommend
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2010 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 Refer to Town Meeting*

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$485,350.00 from the Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account for the purpose of making debt payments on debt issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District, which debt was authorized by Article 34 of the May 2002 Annual Town Meeting and subsequent debt exclusion vote on May 18, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This account is used to pay temporary borrowing for the new high school project.

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:

	FY09	FY10
Moderator	382.00	0
Selectmen		
Chairman	2,041.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Town Clerk	56,820.00	58,524.00
Tree Warden	2,632.00	0
Assessors		
Chairman	2,041.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Highway Surveyor	68,983.00	71,052.00
Water Commissioners		
Chairman	2,041.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Board of Health		

Chairman	2,041.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Planning Board		
Chairman	2,041.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0
Member	1,443.00	0

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 appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, Stabilization Fund, Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt and Proceeds from MTBE Settlement to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2010 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2010 Annual Budget Lines

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

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Title V Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This fund will be used to pay the administrative costs of the Septic Loan Program in accordance with the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust. \$19,000.

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 transfer a sum of money from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust loan repayments receipts reserved for appropriation to the general fund maturing debt principal line or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Accountant and Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money is needed to pay down the debt that is due to the MWPAT.
\$50,000

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 approve the Capital Improvement Program as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the
Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: This article accepts the six-year capital improvement plan and matrix submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to recommend*
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation and/or transfer from free cash and/or stabilization a sum of \$5,000 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 10: To see if the Town will adopt a minimum value of \$1000 for the issuance of personal property tax bills, or take other any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: Treasurer/Collector
Board of Assessors

Explanation: M.G.L. Chapter 59, section 5, clause 54 establishes a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation. The value may not be in excess of \$10,000. It has become increasingly expensive to collect many of the smaller bills, as businesses close or move out of Town.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to recommend*
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the **Community Preservation** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$
8,700.

Reserves:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$ 18,318.
From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 18,318.
From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 18,318.
From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$111,786.

or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the
Community Preservation Committee

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to recommend*
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the use by the Hanson Board of Assessors, such funds to be used for the purchase and maintenance of maps and the GIS system. The receipts generated through over the counter sale of these maps shall be credited to the revolving account. The Board of Assessors is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$ 1,500.00. Expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

EXPLANATION: This revolving fund will subsidize the mapping line so that the assessor's maps can be updated annually

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to recommend*
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ for the purpose of the Hanson Public Library operations including purchase, repair, and maintenance of the copy machine (s), equipment and copy machine (s) supplies, printers and printing supplies, and the replacement of lost and damaged library materials. The following receipts generated shall be credited to the fund: Receipts from charges to the public for the use of the copy machine (s) and fines and fees charged for lost, damaged and overdue library materials. The Board of Library Trustees is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$5000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

Explanation : This is the annual revolving account article for the library. The receipts generated from copies, fines and fees, and computer printouts are used for the purchase, repair and maintenance of the copy machine(s), equipment and copy machine(s) supplies, printers and printing supplies, as well as the replacement of lost and damaged library materials.

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 continuation of a revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, section 53E ½

for the use of Hanson Senior Center /Library operations to include repairs, maintenance of the facility, purchases, repairs and maintenance of equipment, additional utility expenses, janitorial and staff reimbursement. The following receipts generated shall be credited to the fund: Receipts from deposit and hourly use charges imposed upon any group or Individual that has with prior approval agreed to the use and fee regulations as set forth By the Council for Elder Affairs and the Board of Library Trustees.

The Council for Elder Affairs or the Board of Library Trustees is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$3000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excel of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Library Board of
Trustees and the Council of Elder Affairs

***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 authorize a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the use by the Parks and Fields Commission for the sport programs including building utilization, park and field maintenance and equipment. The receipts credited to the fund shall be those generated by a recycling program, building and field rental, reimbursements for repairs and donations. The Parks and Fields Commission is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Parks and Fields Commission.

Explanation This article has been voted every year for the recycling program portion. Income sources of field rentals, reimbursements for repairs and donations have been added. Expenditure options have been changed to include parks and field maintenance.

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to recommend
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend***

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the continuation of the revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53 for the Hanson Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis. The receipts generated from Supportive Care Program shall be credited to the revolving account. The Director of Elder Affairs is authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$105,000 or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Council on Aging

Proposed by the Council on Elder Affairs

Explanation: This article will allow money that is received from funding supports, deposits, donations, other civic groups and individuals from the use of the Multi-Service Senior Center program and facility.

***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 change Sec. 9 of the Town by laws which limits the number of amusement devices in any licensed establishment to 4. We would like it to read: The Board of Selectmen acting as licensing authority under M.G.L., Chapter 140, s. 177A shall limit the number of amusement devices in any licensed establishment as they deem appropriate or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Scott Edgehille and 37 others

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen voted 5 – 0 to Passover
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to Refer to Town Meeting***

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Agent, and managed by the Pembroke Watershed Association for the purpose of algae treatment on Oldham Pond.

Proposed by Mary Ellen Buckley and 23 others

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen voted 4 – 1 to recommend
Finance Committee voted 5 – 0 to recommend***

ARTICLE 19: 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 Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, two Constables for three years, one Trustee of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one member of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, two Water Commissioners for three years.

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 nine.

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Selectmen of Hanson

A true attest copy

Town Clerk

Date

Constable