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 **third day of May, 2010** 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 **Fifteenth of May, 2010** at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for Town Officials as stipulated in **Article 1** of this warrant.

***ARTICLE 1*:** To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, a Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, an Assessor for two years, an Assessor for one year, a Town Clerk for three years, a Highway Surveyor 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, a Tree Warden for three years, two Trustees of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, and two Water Commissioners for three years.

ARTICLE 2: 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 **2009** Town Report.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $40,287.45 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 borrowing for the new high school project.

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:

	FY10	**FY11**
Town Clerk	$58,524.00	$58,524.00
Tree Warden	$2,609.00	$2,609.00
Highway Surveyor	$71,052.00	$71,052.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

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

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, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, Stabilization Fund, Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, Election Fund Ch. 503, Acts of 1983, 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 **2011 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2011 Annual Budget Lines

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2011 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.

ARTICLE 7: 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.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2011 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 2011, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	**$ 9,120.00**

Reserves:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	**$18,241.00**
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	**$18,241.00**
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	**$18,241.00**
From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	**$32,040.00**

or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by the
Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $50,000 from Water Surplus for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: Meter replacement is a continuing program designed to maintain accurate reading.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $30,000 from Water Surplus Account; to be added to the 1992 Town Meeting Water Emergency Fund Article 15 or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This is to replenish the Emergency Account which was used for emergency pump station repairs; DEP mandated Emergency Response Plan; and various small items**.**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) Settlement Account and the Water Surplus Account to be used to fund the purchase and installation of an Emergency Generator for the Crystal Spring Wellfield or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: Due to electrical upgrades to the Crystal Spring Well Field, the existing generator is no longer capable of providing reliable standby power.

ARTICLE 12: To see of 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 including GIS. The receipts generate through over the counter sale of these maps shall be credited to the revolving account. The Board of Assessors 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. 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: To purchase and maintain maps including GIS and to help defray the cost of providing updated assessors maps to various Town Departments.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from overlay surplus a sum of money ($15,000) for the purpose of conducting mandated interim year adjustments for all classes of property or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation*:* The Department of Revenue has mandated that all cities and towns adjust values to 100% of market as of January 1, each year. Although we adjust our values on an annual basis, all classes of property must be within 5% of the main class. Assistance may be required with that statistical analysis for residential, commercial and industrial parcels.

ARTICLE 14: 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 Town youth 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 based at the town transfer station, 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: Annual article for revolving fund.

ARTICLE 15: 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 $7,000.00. 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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts general Law, Chapter 44, section 53E 1/2 for the use of Hanson Senior Center operations to include events, programs, educational seminars and trainings, and staff reimbursement. The receipts generated through events, programs and educational seminars shall be credited to the fund. The Director of Elder Affairs is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restriction contained in G.L.c.44 Section 53E 1/2 an amount of money not to exceed $50,000.00. 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 Council of Elder Affairs

Explanation: This article will allow money that is received from the deposits for the use of the Senior Center events, programs, educational seminars, trainings, staff reimbursement for the betterment of the Senior Center.

ARTICLE 17: 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 E 1/2 for the Hanson Council of Elder Affairs Supportive Day Program to be used for the expenses needed to run said program on a year-year basis. The receipt generated from the Supportive Day 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 $120,000.00 or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Council for Elder Affairs

Explanation: to cover the costs of the Supportive Day program including staff and materials.

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 ten.

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Selectmen of Hanson

A true attest copy

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Town Clerk **Date**

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Constable