

Annual Town Meeting  
May 2, 2022

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM in the auditorium of the Hanson Middle School with Robert Hayes, Charles Barends and Robert O'Brien appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Katherine Feodoroff from Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Judith Collins, Margaret Cameron, James Daley, Thomas Powers and Marilyn Cardile.

A quorum was declared present with 227 voters in attendance. The Moderator, Sean Kealy announced that he would be using Town Meeting Time as the guide for the Town Meeting.

The Moderator asked for a motion to request the Town Meeting allow the Moderator to declare 2/3 and 9/10 majority of a voice vote. Motion was made by Sean Kealy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph O'Sullivan. **Voted: Aye, voice.**

The Moderator had the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee introduce themselves to the Town Meeting. The Moderator recognized Selectmen, Kenney Mitchell and Matthew Dyer for their years of service to the Town of Hanson, as this will be their last Town Meeting as Selectmen. The Finance Committee Chairman, Kevin Sullivan was thanked for his service to the Town and to the Navy, as he will be deployed for a year. It was noted that Bruce Young has been to fifty consecutive Town Meetings. State Representative, Josh Cutler was also recognized and introduced to the Town Meeting.

An announcement that the Annual Town Election will be held at the Hanson Middle School on May 21, 2022 with polling hours being 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The meeting was recessed at 7:52 PM to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 PM.

**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 2021 Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees and Special Committees.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2023 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F; or take any other action in relative 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.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2023 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.**

**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; or take any other action in relative thereto:

	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>
Town Clerk	\$73,436.00	\$75,639.00

Proposed by the Town Administrator

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

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$22,800.00 to install security cameras around all perimeters of Town Hall town property.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Installation of security cameras will provide us with the ability to monitor after hour activity at Town owned property.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 4.**

**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 Repayment 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 **2023 Fiscal Year**; or take any other action in relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY23 Annual Budget Lines.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice vote to set the spending limits of the following revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as follows:**

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

**And further that the Town vote 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 Repayment 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 2023 Fiscal Year as printed in the Informational warrant. With an amendment, Motion by Kevin Sullivan, Second by Robert Hayes to amend Line 85 to increase the Salary Line of the Water Department from \$550,860 to \$571,422.**

This increase was needed because the Union Contract was just ratified- It represents a 2%, 2% and 3% increase for a 3 year period.

**Motion to amend by Kevin Sullivan, Second by Joe O’Sullivan to amend Line 24 Conservation Commission Salaries, just the Funding Source under Taxation from \$65,623 to \$68,623. This was a typo in the informational warrant.**

**(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)**

**FY 2023**

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

**122 SELECTBOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

1. Salaries	\$ 205,432
2. Expenses	66,600
3. Capital Outlay	0

**131 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

4. Salaries	1,500
5. Expenses	450
6. Reserve Fund	150,000

#### 135 ACCOUNTANT

7. Salaries	123,240
8. Expenses	2,125
9. Audit	40,000

#### 141 ASSESSORS

10. Salaries	194,386
11. Expenses	8,110

#### 145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

12. Salaries	229,886
13. Expenses	16,000
14. MWPAT Admin Expenses	10,000 MWPAT Title
	V Int.

#### 151 LEGAL SERVICES

15. Expenses	145,000
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#### 155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

16. Salaries	90,780
17. Expenses	151,844

#### 161 TOWN CLERK

18. Salaries	140,579
19. Expenses	4,055

#### 162 ELECTIONS

20. Salaries	27,234
21. Expenses	15,948

#### 163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

22. Salaries	10,298
23. Expenses	1,782

171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

24. Salaries	68,623
Protection	12,750 Wetlands

25. Expenses	9,835
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175 PLANNING BOARD

26. Salaries	107,278
27. Expenses	4,905

176 APPEALS BOARD

28. Salaries	40,550
29. Expenses	750

180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

30. Expenses	0
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190 POSTAGE

31. Expenses	35,000
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192 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

32. Salaries	55,182
33. Expenses	49,500

196 UTILITIES

34. Expenses	147,000
<b>SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2,166,622</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

210 POLICE

35. Salaries	2,622,201
36. Expenses	304,600
37. Capital Outlay	112,500
	50,000 Free Cash

215 COMMUNICATIONS

38. Salaries	0
39. Expenses	36,200

220 FIRE & AMBULANCE

40. Salaries	1,707,882
	575,000 Ambulance
Fund	
41. Expenses	185,530
	50,000 Ambulance
Fund	
42. Capital Outlay	0

241 BUILDING INSPECTION

43. Salaries	131,478
44. Expenses	7,400

242 GAS INSPECTION

45. Salaries	7,378
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243 PLUMBING INSPECTION

46. Salaries	7,378
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244 WEIGHTS & MEASURES

47. Salaries	3,740
48. Expenses	300

245 WIRING INSPECTION

49. Salaries	22,660
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292 ANIMAL CONTROL

50. Salaries	20,163
51. Expenses	5,100

294 TREE WARDEN

52. Salaries	3,370
53. Expenses	25,000

<b>SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>5,877,880</b>
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**EDUCATION:**

300 WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL

54. Operating Assessment	13,245,052
55. Transportation Assessment	55,234
56. Debt Assessment	267,143
	214,770 Free Cash

57. 330 SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH	1,182,596
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58. 340 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	105,000
<b>SUBTOTAL, EDUCATION</b>	<b>15,069,795</b>

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

410 ENGINEERING

59. Expenses	0
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420 HIGHWAY

60. Salaries	591,632
61. Expenses	257,840
62. Snow & Ice	300,000
63. Street Sweeping	45,000



424 TOWN-WIDE FUEL

64. Expenses	<u>100,000</u>
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<b>SUBTOTAL, PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>1,294,472</b>
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**HUMAN SERVICES:**

511 BOARD OF HEALTH

65. Salaries	126,040
66. Expenses	9,525
67. VNA Services	5,600

541 COUNCIL ON AGING

68. Salaries	127,987
69. Expenses	11,000
70. VNA Services	6,800

543 VETERANS

71. Salaries	31,988
72. Expenses	3,000
73. Assistance	28,000

544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES

74. Expenses	<u>2,000</u>
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<b>SUBTOTAL, HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>351,940</b>
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**CULTURE & RECREATION:**

610 LIBRARY

75. Salaries	361,716
76. Expenses	154,625

650 PARK & FIELDS

77. Expenses 25,000

78. 692 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM 2,000

**SUBTOTAL, CULTURE & RECREATION 543,341**

**FIXED COSTS:**

**710 DEBT SERVICE**

79. Principal 609,506  
130,000 MWPAT

Title V  
80. Interest 48,378  
7,250 MWPAT

Title V Int. 1,392 Bond

Premium

81. 911 PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT 1,895,320

82. 913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 30,000

83. 914 GROUP INSURANCE 2,120,381

84. 945 RISK MANAGEMENT 305,000  
**SUBTOTAL, FIXED COSTS 5,147,227**

**SUB TOTAL \$30,451,277**

**WATER:**

85. Salaries 571,422 Water Revenue

86. Expenses 490,975 Water Revenue

87. Debt Service 559,925 Water Revenue

88. Indirect Cost 293,541 Water Revenue

**SUBTOTAL, WATER 1,915,863**

**TOTAL – ALL BUDGETS - GRAND TOTAL \$ 32,367,140**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Recreation Department during Fiscal Year 2023, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 23 (FINCOM Amended)</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Program Receipts (fees)	\$131,590	\$224,000	\$224,000	
Retained Earnings	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Taxation/Free Cash	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$151,590	\$284,000	\$224,000	
<b>Estimated Expenses</b>				
<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries	\$ 91,840	\$157,000	\$117,000	Rec Program Revenue
Expenses	\$ 30,750	\$ 94,500	75,500	Rec Program Revenue
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 29,000</u>	<u>\$ 31,500</u>	<u>\$ 31,500</u>	Rec Program Revenue
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$151,590	\$284,000	\$224,000	
Free Cash subsidy		\$60,000	\$ 0	

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** These are the budget request amounts for FY23 as voted by the Recreation Commission for the operation and maintenance of Camp Kiwanee.  
Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of money to operate the Recreation Department during Fiscal Year 2023, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as reflected by the FinCom Amended line as printed in the informational warrant.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2023, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Estimated Revenues Item</b>	<b>FY22 Amount</b>	<b>FY23 Amount</b>	<b>FY23 (BOS Amended) Amount</b>
Program Receipts (fees)	\$200,136	\$227,027	\$227,027
Retained Earnings	\$ 60,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Taxation/Free Cash	<u>\$118,000</u>	<u>\$165,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$378,186	\$392,027	\$227,027

<b>Estimated Expenses Item</b>	<b>FY22 Amount</b>	<b>FY23 Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Salaries	\$121,212	\$125,752	\$100,752 SW Program Rev
Expenses	\$227,700	\$229,000	\$126,275 SW Program Rev
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 29,274</u>	<u>\$ 37,275</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Subtotal, Solid Waste:	\$378,186	\$392,027	\$227,027
Free Cash subsidy		\$165,000	

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** The total cost of operating the Transfer Station for FY23 will be shown in this budget. Salaries, indirect costs and a portion of expenses will come from program revenues and from other funds.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of money to operate the Transfer Station during Fiscal Year 2023, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as reflected by the Board of Selectmen Amended line as printed in the informational warrant.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the purchase of a generator for the Library/Senior Center.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will allow us to purchase a generator for use at Library/Senior Center when there is no power. This will ensure that we will always have a heating and cooling center

for those in need when weather related events cause power outages. In addition, it will ensure that the essential services performed by the Library/Senior Center are able to continue to be performed even when there are power outages. The Town will attempt to submit for reimbursement with ARPA funds.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 8.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$17,000.00 to fund promotional exams for Fire Department Deputy Chief and Lieutenant; or take other action in relative thereto

Proposed by the Hanson Fire Chief

**Explanation:** These funds will be utilized to conduct a promotional process for the positions for of Deputy Chief and Fire Lieutenant.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash \$17,000 to fund promotional exams for Fire Department Deputy Chief and Lieutenant.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the development of a strategic plan.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Hanson does not have a strategic plan in place. A strategic plan is essential to financial and capital planning and will help to develop a vision that guides priorities for forecasting future budgets.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Original Motion: Sean Kealy, Second: Kenneth Mitchell to Pass Over Article 10 this Article was amended on the Town Meeting Floor as follows:

Motion to amend: Frank Milisi  
Second: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett

**VOTED Aye, voice as amended to transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash to fund the development of a strategic plan as printed in the informational warrant.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$14,000.00 for grading of private gravel roads to allow fire and law enforcement services safe access.

Proposed by the Highway Department

**Explanation:** The Highway Department re-grades certain private gravel roads in the Town of Hanson two times per year. These funds are required for this purpose as well as to compact the material appropriately and to fill potholes with suitable material between the grading cycles as necessary for public safety and emergency access. These funds would be used to provide for the grading and to properly pitch the roads to the proper elevations and compact the material which should help to stabilize these roads.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy  
Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash \$14,000 to grade private gravel roads to allow fire and law enforcement services safe access.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash to the Highway Department Capital Account for the items printed below; or take any other action relative thereto.

No.	Dept.	Item	Amount Requested	Town Admin Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Highway	Ford F250 Pick Up Truck	\$59,000.00		Free Cash
2	Highway	6-Wheel Freightliner Dump Truck and Sander	\$240,000.00		Free Cash
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$299,000.00</b>		<b>Free Cash</b>

Proposed by the Highway Department

**Explanation:** The Highway Supervisors vehicle is approaching eight years in age and is showing signs of significant wear from extended exposure to the elements and road salt. The new vehicle will be equipped with a snowplow required to plow during snow events. The existing vehicle could be utilized by the Highway Mechanic as it has a large fuel storage tank which is used to fill equipment on the road as well the generator located at the police station. The Highway department maintains over 60 miles of paved roadways within the Town. The Dump Truck would be heavily used for hauling material and snow removal and salting. This vehicle has been on the Capital Plan for this fiscal year but was not funded due to the prior Town Meeting with the override. The Department currently has 3 large capacity Dump Trucks that service the Town. The one that this would be replacing is approaching 18 years of age and has been pushed beyond its recommended service life. This vehicle being replaced should be kept as a reserve until the next truck on the Capital Improvement Plan can be procured which is approaching 23 years of age. We have no current backup if a truck is out of service for an extended period of time for repairs, which happens quite often with an aging fleet.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, to approve the Capital Improvement plan as printed in the informational warrant and further, to transfer from Free Cash \$299,000 to purchase a Ford F250 Pick Up Truck and 6-wheel Freightliner Dump Truck and Sander as printed in the informational warrant.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$100,000.00 for construction of a Park Perimeter Trail / Bay Circuit Trail relocation onto the former Plymouth County Hospital property, as the necessary preliminary step for reimbursement in that same amount through a state Recreational Trail Program grant; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** In 2019, the Town successfully applied for a \$100,000 Mass Trails Grant, to create a recreational walking trail along the eastern edge of the former Plymouth County Hospital property. This is a reimbursement grant, i.e., the Town must first expend project funds, which will then be reimbursed by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. This project will relocate a 0.8-mile portion of the Bay Circuit Trail off High Street and Pierce

Avenue, into scenic meadows and forested areas, incorporating renovated old service roads. It will complement future trails that are envisioned within a future Town Park nearby on the site.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash \$100,000 for construction of a Park Perimeter Trail / Bay Circuit Trail relocation onto the former Plymouth County Hospital property, as the necessary preliminary step for reimbursement in that same amount through a state Recreational Trail Program grant.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$25,000.00 to replenish the Conservation Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** One of the more important responsibilities of the Conservation Commission is the care and custody of open space land the Town has designated for conservation. These open spaces are included in the Hanson Open Space and Recreation Plan, which describes the Town's goals for acquiring and protecting open spaces and providing public access and passive recreation opportunities. The Conservation Commission has a lead role in implementing this Plan and works to provide a linked system of trails and greenways that are accessible to the public; create parking spaces at open space access points; and provide passive recreation information by providing maps of open space lands, installing kiosks and signage at access locations, and working with other land conservation groups to expand the open space inventory and access. The Conservation Fund is the means to facilitate these activities.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 14.**



**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for Capital Improvements and purchases for the items printed below for the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District; or take any other action or relative thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional School District

<b>No.</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Town Admin Recommendation</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
1	School-WHRSD	District Vehicles	\$51,220.00 (full 130k)		Free Cash
2	School-High School	Telephone System (Hanson Portion)	\$25,223.00		Free Cash
3	School-High School	Roadway/Faculty Parking Lot Replacement	\$120,000.00 (full 300k)		Free Cash
4	School-Middle School	Roadway Replacement	\$200,000.00		Free Cash
5	School-High School	RTU (Rooftop Unit) High School Evaluation	\$3,940.00 (full 10k)		Free Cash
6	School-High School	Reimbursement RTU (Rooftop Unit) Drive Replacement	\$8,569.50 (full\$21,750)		<i>Transfer</i>
7	School-Middle	Gym Floor Refinish			
8	School-Middle	Boiler/Water Line Freeze Reimbursement	\$11,788.00		<i>Transfer</i>
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$420,740.50</b>		

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Motion to amend Article 15 line number 7 by adding to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000 to refinish Middle School Gym Floor made by Frank Milisi, second by Laura FitzGerald-Kemmit.

**VOTED Aye, voice as amended to transfer from Free Cash \$445,740.50 to fund Capital Improvements for Whitman-Hanson Regional School District as printed in the warrant and the added amendment.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2023 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 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$38,000
From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$38,000
From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$38,000
From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$124,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

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

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, to appropriate from Fiscal Year 2023 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 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, as follows:**

**Appropriations:**

**From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses     \$ 10,000**

**Reserves:**

**From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve                     \$38,000**

**From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve                 \$38,000**

**From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve                             \$38,000**

**ARTICLE 17:**             To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Fund Open Space/Recreation and Undesignated Reserve fund balances a sum of \$28,500 to fund the replacement of the fence at the Boteri baseball field complex that separates the little league field area from the highway department complex; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** This funding is to replace an aging and deteriorating fence that separates the baseball fields from the Highway Department complex.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$28,500 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Reserve fund balances to fund the replacement of the fence at the Boteri baseball field complex that separates the little league field area from the highway department complex.**

**ARTICLE 18:**             To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund an existing Outreach for Seniors position at the Council on Aging; or take any action in relative thereto.

Proposed by the Council on Aging

**Explanation:** The Hanson population continues to age, with close to 30% of the population is over the age of 55. The need for services to the aging and elderly continues to increase. To ensure that people are aware of and have access to the services they need to successfully age in their homes, we request funding this position. The Outreach worker will meet with residents and assist them with referrals, homecare, fuel assistance and a supplemental nutrition assistance program. He/she will be expected to become S.H.I.N.E. certified, which will assist the Director in advising residents of their Medicare options. This is a 19 hour, no benefits position. *Due to*

*the minimum wage increase as of January 25, 2022, this position would change from \$13.50-\$22.00 hourly to \$14.50-\$22.00 hourly as reflected in the revised Compensation Plan.*

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

James Hickey, Joseph O'Sullivan, Judith Caldas and Timothy White all spoke in favor of this Article.

**VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$22,824 to fund an Outreach Coordinator for Seniors position at the Council on Aging.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the conversion of the Conservation Agent position from part-time to full-time; or take another other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** The Conservation Agent is currently funded at only 19 hours per week. Unlike the Health Agent, Town Planner, Building Inspector, it is the only Department Head position in Town Hall that is not full time. This hinders the ability to achieve the goal of the Conservation Commission to protect the environmental landscape of the Town of Hanson.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 19.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a meals tax at the rate of .75% to take effect October 1, 2022; or take any other action in relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Adoption of this statute would impose a 0.75% local option meals excise tax of the vendor's gross receipts from restaurant meal sales. This local meals tax will not create any additional financial or workload burden upon the establishment. The additional revenue will be used to fund future municipal and school costs as determined by the subsequent Town Meeting Votes.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 64L, Section 2(a) to impose a meals tax at the rate of .75% to take effect October 1, 2022.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson bylaws to add a new Article 2-21, to require all elected and appointed boards to videotape and/or audiotape their meetings as follows; or take another other action relative thereto:

Article 2-21, Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Sec. 1

All Town of Hanson Boards, Committees and Commissions, elected and appointed, shall video or audio record all meetings, which recordings shall be posted to the Town's website and/or the Whitman-Hanson Cable Access Television website, unless protected as an executive session.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** In order to increase transparency and citizen engagement, the Town of Hanson should make the video of all meetings available to the general public. There are nuances and discussions that happen in meetings that are not necessarily captured in minutes for meetings. Although we currently have a policy that requires BOS appointed boards to videotape their meetings, several of our appointed boards do not comply. In addition, many of the elected boards do not comply. This article would improve the transparency of all elected and appointed Hanson boards and committees.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Teresa Sanalucia wanted to know if there was going to be a policy in place regarding equipment availability. Joseph Campbell said he would be in support of the Article if it had more regulations to it. Arlene Dias spoke in favor of the Article and explained that WHC Access will

be training Boards and Committees on the equipment and it doesn't have to be video it can be a recording.

**VOTED Aye 137, Nay 55 to amend the Town of Hanson bylaws to add a new Article 2-21, to require all elected and appointed boards to videotape or audio record their meetings as printed in the informational warrant.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General and Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Hanson with gender neutral wording; specifically, deleting the words "Board of Selectmen" and inserting in its place the words "Select Board" wherever those words appear; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** "Select Board" is a term that simply and fully represents the people and world we live in today that embraces diverse and inclusion. We believe this change is important because our government works better when all people regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation are included and feel welcome to participate in public service and government.

**Requires 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote.**

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye 141, Nay 40 (motion carries by 2/3) to amend the General and Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Hanson with gender neutral wording; specifically, deleting the words "Board of Selectmen" and inserting in its place the words "Select Board" wherever those words appear.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of members of the Recreation Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members; or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** It is difficult to achieve a quorum with a (7) seven-member commission, and therefore, unable to conduct meetings and attend to matters. Lowering the commission

membership to (5) five will allow the Recreation Commission to attain a quorum to successfully conduct meetings and attend to matters.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to reduce the number of members of the Recreation Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the positions of Event Coordinator and Facilities Manager at Camp Kiwanee; or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** To be provided at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 24.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by deleting both subsection L, Medical Marijuana Facilities and subsection M, Marijuana Establishments in their current forms; combining the two subsections; and updating the language accordingly as more particularly described in the bylaw changes on file with the Town Clerk as of the posting hereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This article simply works to re-codify the existing language for both Medical and Recreational Marijuana by combining them into a single section and eliminating superfluous or unnecessary language/requirements. At the state level, review has also been centralized, falling now under the Cannabis Control Commission. Moreover, the impacts of Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers for cultivation, manufacture, and other use types is the same.

A separate, comprehensive handout will be provided at Town Meeting. The full text of the bylaw is not included in the warrant as Town Meeting's vote on Articles 45-48 may modify each subsequent vote in terms of the placement of these amendments within the existing bylaw and the specific wording of each amendment. ***This requires 2/3rds majority vote.***

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Gail Joyce spoke against this Article, saying that the Town Meeting didn't have enough time to properly make a decision seeing that they just got the handout at Town Meeting. Daniel McDonough also spoke against stating that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> time the citizen will be asked to vote on this. Town Counsel, Katherine Feodoroff explained that this Article is just codifying the language and not changing the substance of the Bylaw.

**VOTED Aye 144, Nay 67 (motion carries by 2/3) to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by deleting both subsection L, Medical Marijuana Facilities and subsection M, Marijuana Establishments in their current forms; combining the two subsections; and updating the language accordingly as printed in the separate handout, on pages 3-7.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by allowing for Marijuana Retailers (retail sale of adult-use marijuana to consumers) by special permit in the same locations as is allowed for other Marijuana Establishments as more particularly described in the bylaw changes on file with the Town Clerk as of the posting hereof; or take any other action relative thereto, as follows:

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This bylaw change will repeal the prohibition of Marijuana Retailers in the Town of Hanson, whereby brick and mortar retail stores will be allowed, and cannabis can be purchased by consumers in said stores. Marijuana Retailers, which meet special permit requirements, will be permitted to operate in the following locations: Assessors Map 59 Lots 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, Assessors Map 52 Lot 17-16, as depicted on a plan entitled Medical Marijuana Distribution Area Overlay District Plan, Job Number P-2967, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Hanson, Massachusetts.

A separate, comprehensive handout will be provided at Town Meeting. The full text of the bylaw is not included in the warrant as Town Meeting's vote on Articles 45-48 may modify each



subsequent vote in terms of the placement of these amendments within the existing bylaw and the specific wording of each amendment. ***This requires 2/3rds majority vote.***

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

There was a lot of discussion both for and against this Article, the argument for this Article would be the tax money that this would generate and the argument against was mostly about this kind of establishment in the Town of Hanson and how it would affect the quality of our Town.

**VOTED Aye 83, Nay 95 (motion does not carry) to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by allowing for Marijuana Retailers (retail sale of adult-use marijuana to consumers) by special permit in the same locations as is allowed for other Marijuana Establishments as printed in the separate handout, on pages 9-10.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by adding Hawks Avenue to the list of eligible locations for Marijuana Establishments, excluding Marijuana Retailers, as more particularly described in the bylaw changes on file with the Town Clerk as of the posting hereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This bylaw change will allow the siting of Marijuana Establishments, excluding Marijuana Retailers, along Hawks Avenue.

A separate, comprehensive handout will be provided at Town Meeting. The full text of the bylaw is not included in the warrant as Town Meeting's vote on Articles 45-48 may modify each subsequent vote in terms of the placement of these amendments within the existing bylaw and the specific wording of each amendment. ***This requires 2/3rds majority vote.***

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

William Scott spoke against this Article stating that originally the Town took over this piece of property to look into placing a new Highway Barn on this site and it is supposed to be for Municipal use.

**VOTED Nay, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by adding Hawks Avenue to the list of eligible locations for Marijuana Establishments, excluding Marijuana Retailers, as printed on page 17 of the separate handout.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by allowing Marijuana Delivery Operators and Marijuana Couriers in Industrial Zones and certain other eligible locations, as more particularly described in the bylaw changes on file with the Town Clerk as of the posting hereof; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** Marijuana Delivery Operators and Marijuana Couriers are relatively new uses which now may be permitted through the Cannabis Control Commission. Neither use permits brick and mortar retail stores. Instead, marijuana may be ordered remotely and delivered to the consumers residence. A strict seed to sale tracking process is required for these sales. No sales to persons under 21 years of age is allowed.

A separate, comprehensive handout will be provided at Town Meeting. The full text of the bylaw is not included in the warrant as Town Meeting's vote on Articles 45-48 may modify each subsequent vote in terms of the placement of these amendments within the existing bylaw and the specific wording of each amendment. *This requires 2/3rds majority vote.*

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED Aye 67, Nay 86 (motion does not carry) to amend Section VI of the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by allowing Marijuana Delivery Operators and Marijuana Couriers in Industrial Zones and certain other eligible locations, as printed on page 25 in the separate handout.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a maximum (20) year lease of a 3.8 acre portion of Town owned property including the warehouse style buildings thereon, located at 100 Hawks Avenue, depicted as a portion of Lot 1 on a Plan entitled: "Plan of Land Hawks Avenue in Hanson, MA August 24, 2018" prepared for GEI Consultants, 400 Unicorn Park, Woburn, MA 01801, by Land Planning, Inc. 1115 Main Street, Hanson MA 02341, Job No. P-2992, on file with the Town Clerk's Office, for the purposes of commercial and/or industrial use; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The former Lite Control buildings and property are a prime location for

commercial and or industrial business. Leasing the property will bring in critical tax revenue and jobs to the town.

Finance Committee recommends.

Original Motion: Sean Kealy, Second: Kenneth Mitchell to Pass Over Article 29 was amended on the Town Meeting Floor:

Motion: Frank Milisi

Second: Robert Hayes

Frank Milisi spoke for this Article stating that this would be helpful to increase our Town's tax revenue. Patrick Powers also spoke for this Article citing the revenues that the Town is in need of.

**VOTED Aye, voice as amended to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a maximum (20) year lease of a 3.8 acre portion of Town owned property including the warehouse style buildings thereon, located at 100 Hawks Avenue, depicted as a portion of Lot 1 on a Plan entitled: "Plan of Land Hawks Avenue in Hanson, MA August 24, 2018" prepared for GEI Consultants, 400 Unicorn Park, Woburn, MA 01801, by Land Planning, Inc. 1115 Main Street, Hanson MA 02341, Job No. P-2992, on file with the Town Clerk's Office, for the purposes of commercial and/or industrial use.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote the proposed initiative petition to amend the current recall; Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2019 as follows; or take any other action in relative thereto.

Be it enacted by the Senate & the House of Representatives and by the Authority of the Authority of the same as follows: That Section 2 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2019 be amended as follows; by adding the following to Section 2.

(i) Any holder of Elective office in the Town of Hanson, may be also recalled & removed from the office they hold, by the qualified voters of the Town who shall have the right to establish their own "Grounds for recalling an Elected Public Official." On which the petition shall be based. A right that they once had and exercised when warranted since 1982.

(j) The petition for the Recall MUST be signed by at least 300 qualified voters, and the name of the Officer whose recall is sought, along with the Statement of the Grounds for recall on which petition is based. It shall require a minimum of 50 qualified voters from each precinct, and all signatures must be certified by the Board of Registrars, before proceeding to the next step in the Recall procedure.

(k) The recall procedure shall then continue in a similar manner as currently stated under Part (b) thru (g) of Section 2 of the "Current" Recall Law, established on October 21<sup>st</sup> of 2019 (Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2019)

Citizen's Petition proposed by Kevin Cohen

**Explanation:** Reason for Initiative Petition is to re-establish the Right of Voters of the Town of Hanson, to establish their own Grounds for Recalling Elected Officials in Hanson. A right that they had from 1982 to 2019. When the Current Recall Law, removed those rights and established "restricted" reasons and grounds for recall, as shown in current law.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Kevin Cohen

Second: Frank Milisi

James McGahan opposed this Article because he believes that someone should have a substantial and specific reason as does the language in the Town's Recall Act, which was voted in 2019.

**VOTED Nay, voice to petition to amend the current recall; Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2019 as printed in the informational warrant.**

And to bring in the votes for the following offices: A Selectmen for three years, a Selectman for remaining two year term, an Assessor for three years, a Town Clerk 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, 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, at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 21, 2022 at the Hanson Middle School from 10:00AM to 5:00PM.

**Voted Aye, voice to adjourn sine die the meeting Motion: Sean Kealy, Second: Kenneth Mitchell at 11:00PM**

**A true copy of the vote, Attest:**

**Elizabeth Sloan, CMC, CMMC  
Town Clerk**