

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2004 Annual Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting
May 3, 2004

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 10:10 p.m. at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting in the auditorium of the Middle School with James Armstrong, Robert Hayes and Frank Gerraughty appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Richard Bowen and Jeffrey Blake of the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

A quorum was declared present.

The new Executive Secretary, Michael Finglas, was introduced to the meeting.

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 **2003** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2: 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
Committee

Capital Improvement

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

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to approve the Capital Improvement Program as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Capital Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2005 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.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2005 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as follows:

	FY04	FY05
Moderator	380.00	380.00
Selectmen		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Town Clerk	47,761.00	49,195.00
Tree Warden	1,183.00	1,183.00
Assessors		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Highway Surveyor	57,260.00	61,325.00
Water Commissioners		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Board of Health		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Planning Board		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The above represents a 3% increase for the Town Clerk and a 5% increase for the Highway Surveyor, as full-time employees, and the remaining elected, part-time officials were level funded for **FY2005**.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to fix the Salary and Compensation of all Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as printed in the warrant with the following correction: Highway Surveyor FY 05 should be \$60,123.00.

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, and Stabilization Fund to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2005 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2005 Annual Budget Lines

VOTED Aye, the following FY 2005 Budget Appropriations
(The source of funding is raise and appropriate unless otherwise noted)

FY 2005

FIXED COSTS

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$	185,000	
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion		95,000	
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt		81,125	
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion		19,950	
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement		528,097	
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits		478,800	
		250,000 free cash	
		50,000 overlay	
			surplus
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance		175,000	
8. 913-5173 Unemployment		<u>15,360</u>	
TOTAL FIXED COSTS		1,878,332	

TOWN SERVICES

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	46,412
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	52,000
11. 122-5432 Printing	6,000
12. 155-5303 Computer	56,000
13. 155-5341 Postage	27,000
14. 151-5301 Legal	80,000
15. 122-5271 Copier Supplies	13,500
16. 155-5300 Engineering	7,500
16A 155-5302 Demolition	0
16B 155-5313 Harvester	1,500
17. 155-5310 Town Audit	<u>13,500</u>

TOTAL TOWN SERVICES **303,412**

MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS

18. 197-5201 Utilities	155,000	
19. 192-5113 Town Hall Custodian	62,243	
20. 192-5201 Town Hall Expenses	20,000	
21. 210-5795 Police Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	8,000	
22. 220-5795 Fire Dept. Bldg. Mainten.	7,500	
23. 541-5116 Elder Affairs Custodian	0	
24. 541-5795 Eld. Aff. Bldg. Mainten.	0	
25. 610-5116 Library Custodian	0	
26. 610-5795 Library Bldg. Mainten.	<u>0</u>	

TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS 252,743

TOWN GOVERNMENT

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages	382	
28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages	7,813	
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages	39,519	
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	447,200	
	20,555 overlay	
		surplus
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	7,000	
32. 124-5112 Executive Secretary Wages	67,750	
33. 124-5201 Executive Secretary Expenses	1,530	
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,800	
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	57,873	
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	1,000	
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	4,927	
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	61,160	
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	8,721	
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	55,471	
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification	1,000	
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses	7,805	
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges	2,000	
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages	49,195	
44a 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	1,000	
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	4,306	
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	8,500	
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	8,500	
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	7,700	
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	2,250	
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	1,100	Notice of Intent Fund
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	20,276	
52. 172-5201 Conservation Agent Expenses	600	Notice of Intent Fund
52A175-5113 Planning Board Wages	7,813	
53. 175-5201 Planning Board Expenses	3,325	
54. 176-5201 Appeals Board Expenses	720	
55. 186-5112 Town Planner Wages	61,989	
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses	0	
56A186-5118Town Planner Stipend	2,000	
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages	46,245	
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages	1,070	
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense	3,453	
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages	4,793	
61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses	810	
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages	5,885	
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses	900	
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages	2,575	

65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses	450
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	20,529
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,260
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	22,928
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	2,000
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	1,178
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	2,500
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	33,075
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	910
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	245,510
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	4,927
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	49,531
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	6,008
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	4,500
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	38,246
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	37,788
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	13,252
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	10,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	11,413
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	6,497
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	1,350
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	15,000
86A548-5790 Patriotic Observance	1,000
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,000
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	43,260
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	43,013
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	65,133
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	27,796
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	10,000
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>

TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT 1,758,965

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS

HIGHWAY

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	60,123
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages	277,055
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	24,150
94A420-5850 Loader Lease Payment	0
95. 420-5210 Town Gasoline	74,590
96 420-5840 Highway Road Repair & Drain.	21,000
97. 420-5292 Highway Snow Operation	75,000
98. 420-5532 Street Signs & Lines	14,000
99. 420-5533 Street Sweeping	<u>16,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL 561,918

POLICE DEPARTMENT

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	79,568
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages	1,223,381
101A. 210-5113 Other Wagers-Quinn Bill	67,463
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	<u>85,000</u>

SUB-TOTAL **1,455,412**

103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers 206,015
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses 17,500

SUB-TOTAL **223,515**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages 75,377
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages 774,447
244,220 Ambulance
Fee Fund
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages 34,145
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense 56,500
108A220-5850 Equipment Outlay 1,500
108B220-5850 Lease Purchase 26,880 Ambulance
Fee Fund
108C Fire Safety Instruction 6,500
SUB-TOTAL **1,219,569**

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY **3,460,414**

EDUCATION

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech 443,615
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp. 90,000
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing 89,791
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int. 549,036
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional 5,303,794
159,114 Stabilization

TOTAL EDUCATION **6,635,350**

SUB-TOTAL **14,289,216**

WATER DEPARTMENT

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages 7,813
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent 55,723
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages 176,284
117. 450-5114 Water Dept. Clerical 40,092
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses 328,800
118A 450-5307 Water Legal 50,000
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest 200,000
175,000 water surplus

TOTAL **1,033,712**

GRAND TOTAL **\$15,322,928**

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VOTED Aye, voice to adjourn at 12:05 a.m. and to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004 in the auditorium of the

Middle School.

Annual Town Meeting
(second session)
May 4, 2004

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. with James Armstrong and Robert Hayes appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Town Counsel was Richard Bowen from the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

A quorum was present with 123 voters in attendance.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from ambulance fee collection fund, a sum of money to Article 5, line 13, Postage of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money is a reimbursement to the postage accounts for postage used to mail all ambulance bills.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to appropriate and transfer from ambulance fee collection fund, \$1,000.00 to Article 5, line 13, Postage of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account an amount of money 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.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer from the Debt Reserve Account \$127,253.91 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.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the use by the Treasurer/Collector for payment to the Deputy Collector for collections. The receipts credited to the fund shall be the fees collected by the Deputy Collector. The Treasurer/Collector is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purposes without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. 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 thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This will ease the burden of raise and appropriate each year. With this revolving fund, only the monies generated by the deputy will be used to pay him. The Deputy Collector is not an employee of the Town. He is an outside service.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to authorize a revolving fund under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund in compliance with MGL c. 44 sec. 53E ½.

- Said revolving fund to be utilized solely for expenses connected with the Fire Department public education and prevention program. Expenses authorized from this fund shall be limited to salaries, wages, and benefits of the members performing fire safety education or prevention activities; materials and supplies required for these programs and maintenance of the fire safe trailer and tow vehicle(s).
- The revolving fund shall be funded solely from the fire inspection and permit fees collected by the Hanson Fire Department.
- The Chief of the Fire Department shall be the officer authorized to expend from this fund for the purposes listed above.
- The expenditures from this fund shall be limited to \$6,500.00 per fiscal year.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: The State has discontinued funding for Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) programs. These import safety education and prevention programs are critical for the safety education of our children. The proposed recent increase in fire permit fees will allow these programs to be funded without adversely affecting either the Fire Department budget or the general fund. Any funds collected in excess of \$6,500.00 limit would be returned to the General fund at Town Meeting. If the State renews SAFE funding, those funds would be used before the revolving fund. Revolving funds may be created at a Special Town Meeting when new funds, not used in the calculation of the most recent tax levy, become available. If adopted, this revolving fund would then be required to be renewed annually at the Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 10: 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 including GIS. The receipts generated through over the counter sale of these maps shall be credited to the revolving account. The Board of Assessors are 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 1/2 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: To purchase and maintain maps and to help defray the cost of providing updated assessors maps to various Town Departments.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous Article 10 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to allow a cost of living adjustment to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, for fiscal year 2005, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: In 2002, the Town Meeting voted to accept the amendment created by Section 1 of Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995 that allowed an annual cost of living increase for the recipients of Clause 17D exemptions. The cost of living adjustment for

FY 2005 exemption purposes is 3.8%. The Town must vote the percent of the Consumer Price Index increase annually. The Assessors recommend that 100% of the Consumer Price Index be allowed. Approval of this article will increase the 17D exemption from \$198.32 annually to \$205.86 annually.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous allow 100% of the consumer price index in order to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, for fiscal 2005.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Paragraph 5, that will allow a change in the residency requirement for otherwise eligible persons.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: This is a local option provision that will reduce the residency requirement for disabled veterans under Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, and 22E from five (5) years to one (1) year prior to the date of filing for an exemption.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous Article 12 as printed in the warrant.

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, s53 E ½ for the purpose of 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 44s53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$5,000.00. 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

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, s53 E ½ for the purpose of 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 44s53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$5,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or

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 \$3,000.00.

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 Library Board of Trustees
And the Council of Elder Affairs

Explanation: This article will allow money that is received from the deposits and use fees charged other groups and individuals for the use of the Senior Center/Library facilities, to be used for the purchase, repair and maintenance of equipments, additional utility expense and janitorial service.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous 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 \$3,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use by the Parks and Fields Commission for the sport programs including maintenance and equipment. The receipts credited to the fund shall be those generated through a recycling program at the Hanson Transfer Station. 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 1/2 an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. 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 Parks and Fields Commission

Explanation: This article is voted every year. The article provides the Parks and Fields Commission the ability to generate funds through a recycling program. The funds are used for the sports programs.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free Cash, and/or transfer the Stabilization fund and/or transfer from the Sale of Town Property account and transfer the following balances:

May 1999 ATM Article 18 – Irrigation Boteri Field	\$ 5,000.00
May 2000 STM Article 13 – Bleachers for Boteri Field	134.00
Oct 2000 STM Article 8 – HVAAC Liberty Senior Ctr	236.06
May 2001 STM Article 32 – Memorial Field Fence	126.33
May 2001 ATM Article 16 – Main Street septic system	9,745.69
May 2001 ATM Article 18 – Kiwanee Water Line	16.79
Oct 2001 STM Article 24 – Lib Bldg Repairs	63.73
May 2002 ATM Article 14 – Highway Gas Heaters	1,500.00
May 2002 ATM Article 15 – Pers. Protective Equip	1.51
May 2002 ATM Article 16 –Auto Doors Senior Center	<u>2,499.00</u>
	\$19,323.11

These sums to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye 98, Nay 6 (2/3's achieved) to raise and appropriate \$52,500.00 and transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$171,711.00 and transfer the following balances:

May 1999 ATM Article 18 – Irrigation Boteri Field	\$ 5,000.00
May 2000 STM Article 13 – Bleachers for Boteri Field	134.00
Oct 2000 STM Article 8 – HVAAC Liberty Senior Ctr	236.06
May 2001 STM Article 32 – Memorial Field Fence	126.33
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May 2002 ATM Article 14 – Highway Gas Heaters	1,500.00
May 2002 ATM Article 15 – Pers. Protective Equip	1.51
May 2002 ATM Article 16 –Auto Doors Senior Center	<u>2,499.00</u>
	\$19,323.11

these sums totaling \$243,534.11 to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase mobile laptops for the Police Department under the direction of the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: The mobile laptops in current use will become obsolete with a software conversion occurring in the second half of 2004.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$19,175.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase mobile laptops for the Police Department under the direction of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to complete various repairs to the Library/Senior Center Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Due to damage discovered while working on the building last year the money provided for repairs to the building was insufficient. The heating system at the senior side of the building had to be replaced rather than repaired and some extra work is needed to finish the heating system repairs already begun in the Library. Minor work is also needed on the septic system and siding on the building not addressed last year.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$24,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to complete various repairs at the Library/Senior Center Building under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to make various repairs to the Liberty Street Fire Station under the direction of the Fire Chief or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: The building is 25 years old and has had no major repairs or renovations. The roof needs to be replaced, the women's bathroom upgraded, code issues in the bunk room addressed and minor work done in the kitchen.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000.00 from Capital Improvement Fund to make various repairs to the Liberty Street Fire

Station under the direction of the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to match County funds replace the furnace in the BCI Extension Service Building at the High Street Property site under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: The extension has been an excellent tenant over many years. They would like to remain there and it is to our advantage to have the building used, heated, and maintained. The heating unit needs to be replaced. Appropriation would be conditional upon the County splitting the cost of the project.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to replace the furnace in the BCI Extension Service Building at the High Street Property site under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to provide a septic system to a section of the High Street Hospital property under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: The present septic system servicing the BCI and the Superintendent's buildings must be disconnected once Baran Partners takes title to that area of the Hospital Property.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money for replacement of leather duty gear issued to each police officer, under the direction of the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Our collective bargaining agreement requires the Town to provide each officer duty gear. The gear has a life expectancy exceeding 10+ years.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$13,440.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for replacement of leather duty gear issued to each police officer, under the direction of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to make drainage improvements at School Street and Maquan Street in front of the Library/Senior Center and other locations throughout the town under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: Water runs down School Street overflowing across Maquan Street resulting in "black ice" conditions on Route 14. The Town Engineer has recommended diverting the water to new catch basins and piping it to nearby streams to alleviate the problem, as well as, the flooding conditions in the parking lot at the Library/Senior Center.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to make drainage improvements at

School Street and Maquan Street in front of the Library/Senior Center and other locations throughout the town under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase or lease/purchase a Sanding Truck for the Highway Department under the direction of the Highway Surveyor or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: This purchase will replace a 1987 Chevrolet sanding truck which has reached the end of its useful life. Replaced truck will be used for parts.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$90,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase a Sanding Truck for the Highway Department under the direction of the Highway Surveyor.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or Stabilization and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the construction of intersection improvements as to Roller Coaster Road, Old Cross Street and Crescent Street and Maquan Street or take any other action.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
And the Private Way Oversight Comm.

Explanation: The estimated amount \$80,000.00. This intersection improvement will improve the line of sight at the intersection and reduce the number of access points to improve public safety.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or Stabilization and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the 1998 May Annual Town Meeting, Article 9, Sidewalks or take any other action.

Proposed by the Street Safety & Dev. Committee

Explanation: This article will provide construction funds to create an additional 7,000 linear feet of sidewalk along a portion of Route 27. The estimated amount \$80,000.00.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the laying of water mains in various locations in the Town; to determine which this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: There are several streets that have aged unlined cast iron water mains that need to be replaced and/or enlarged with lined cast iron pipes throughout Hanson. We will pay the debt and interest from our water surplus line.

VOTED Aye, unanimous that \$540,000.00 is appropriated for laying water mains of not less than eight inches in diameter in various locations in the town; that to meet this appropriation the treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$540,000.00 under MGL Chapter 44, section 8 or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Water Commissioners is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to be added to Article 16, water meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting for the purchase of additional water meters or take any other action thereto

Proposed by the Water Commissions

Explanation: Water meters are replaced yearly throughout Town . The sum of \$20,000 will continue to keep a supply on hand for this program

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to be added to Article 16, water meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting for the purchase of additional water meters.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account to purchase equipment for the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: The Department wants to purchase a gate vacuum trailer for \$11,800 and to replace a 1960 air compressor for \$10,800. The air compressor is shared with other departments when needed.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer \$22,600.00 from the Water Surplus Account to purchase equipment for the Water Department.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to change zoning from Commercial/Industrial to residence AA on a parcel of land. Land in said Hanson on Holmes Street, shown as Lot 1 on Assessor's map 66 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed Charles Busch
and 16 others

Explanation: Commercial/Industrial zoning line runs through the middle of the owners property, changing the zoning to one type would enable the owners to feasibility market their property.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw of the Town of Hanson as follows:

By amending Section VI.I. of the Zoning Bylaw, Flexible Zone/Special Overlay District and by amending the current "Zoning District May of the Town of Hanson" incorporated by Section III.B. of the Zoning Bylaw, by extending the Flexible Zone/Special Overlay District to include the following parcels of land, as shown on assessor's maps:

- Parcel 2 on Map 58
- Parcel 5 on Map 66
- Parcel 7 on Map 67
- Parcel 5-1 AB on Map 67 and
- Parcel 9 on Map 67

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Edward Lawrence

and 18 others.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw of the Town of Hanson as follows:

By amending Section III.A. of the Zoning Bylaw, Establishments of Districts and by amending the current “Zoning District Map of the Town of Hanson” incorporated by Section III.B. of the Zoning Bylaw, by rezoning the following parcels of land, as shown on the assessor’s maps from “Commercial-Industrial District” to “Residence AA District”:

- Parcel 2 on Map 58;
- Parcel 5 on Map 66;
- The portion of Parcel on Map 66 now lying in the Commercial-Industrial District;
- Parcel 7 on Map 67
- Parcel 5-1 AB on Map 67 and
- Parcel 9 on Map 67

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Edward Lawrence
and 17 others.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to Pass over.

ARTICLE 33: To ask the Town of Hanson to vote to raises or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,500.00 to contract with South Shore Women’s Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services of its residents or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Diane Dorgan and 10 others.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$2,100.00 for Overlay Surplus to contract with South Shore Women’s Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention service of its residents.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson General By Law Article 2-1, General Provisions Governing all Departments, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Elected Officers by adding a new sections as follows:

Section 16: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, excluding Annual Town and Special Town Meeting, a resident of or a property owners in the town may request permission to address any public municipal meeting, including but not limited to a meeting of the Board of Selectmen or any other Board, Commission or government entity required to give notice pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, et al. The resident or property owner shall give notice, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting with the Town, and shall be allowed the opportunity to speak at said meeting for no less than ten (10) minutes. The resident or property owner may submit written testimony or any other documentation at the meeting and shall be granted the opportunity to file any written testimony or other documentation up to one week after the meeting

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Dean Anderson

and 16 others

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Nay, voice to amend the Town of Hanson General By Law Article 2-1, General Provisions Governing all Departments, Boards, Committees, Commissions and Elected Officers by adding a new sections as follows:

Section 16: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, excluding Annual Town and Special Town Meeting, a resident of or a property owners in the town may request permission to address any public municipal meeting, including but not limited to a meeting of the Board of Selectmen or any other Board, Commission or government entity required to give notice pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, et al. The resident or property owner shall give notice, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting with the Town, and shall be allowed the opportunity to speak at said meeting for no less than ten (10) minutes. The resident or property owner may submit written testimony or any other documentation at the meeting and shall be granted the opportunity to file any written testimony or other documentation up to one week after the meeting

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town of Hanson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,000. to support legal services for Cape Cod and Islands, Inc.'s continued provision of free legal services in civil matters to low-income families and their children, or take any action thereto.

Proposed by Rosemary Roberts
and 9 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to ratify the contract between the Town of Hanson and Clerical Union AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: At the time of the posting of the Warrant the Board of Selectmen and the Clerical Union were engaged in contract negotiations. If settlement is not reached prior to Town Meeting the article will be passed over.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to ratify the contract between the Town of Hanson and Clerical Union AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to ratify the contract between the Town of Hanson and Highway Union AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: At the time of the posting of the Warrant the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Union were engaged in contract negotiations. If settlement is not reached prior to Town Meeting the article will be passed over.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to ratify the contract between the Town of Hanson and Hanson Police Relief Association or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: At the time of the posting of the Warrant the Board of Selectmen and the Police Union were engaged in contract negotiations. If settlement is not reached prior to Town Meeting, the article will be passed over.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 39: To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, a Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Town Clerk for three years, a Highway Surveyor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Board of Health member for one year, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for one year, 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, a Trustee of Memorial Field for two years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, a Trustee of the Public Library for one year, two members of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, and two Water Commissioners for three years.

SEE: Town Election, May 15, 2004.

VOTED Aye, voice at 9:20 p.m. to recess until Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 39 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk