

**Town of Hanson**  
**542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341**

## **May 2005 Annual Town Meeting**

Annual Town Meeting  
May 2, 2005

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle School with Robert Hayes, Stephen Amico and James Armstrong appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was Kathleen O'Donnell from the firm of Kopelman & Paige.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of deceased town officials Judith B. Braley, Regina E. Farrell, Russell W. Howard, Sharon J. Means, Donald A. Morway, William J. Mullen, Elizabeth M. Waterman and Lillian A. Weeks.

Selectman Mark Gallivan made presentations to outgoing Selectman Robert Forte recognizing his three years of service and to outgoing Selectwoman Catherine A. Kuchinski recognizing and thanking her for her many years of service to the Town of Hanson.

Moderator Charles W. Mann introduced the Town's new Treasurer/Collector, Jeanne Sullivan to the meeting and recognized and introduced State Representative Daniel K. Webster.

The Whitman-Hanson Regional School District made a five-minute visual presentation of the current High School and of the new High School.

A quorum was declared with 301 voters in attendance.

The meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m. to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting,

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

**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 **2004** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to hear the 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 2006 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 unanimous to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2006 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To hear the reports of the Government Study Committee and the Police Station Building Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Government Study & the Police Station Building Committees

**Explanation:** The Government Study Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen to review the structure of Town Government. The Police Station Building Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen to make a recommendation and oversee the construction of the Police Station.

Finance Committee recommends.

**Heard the reports of the Government Study Committee and the Police Station Building Committee.**

**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:

	FY05	FY06
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	49,195.00	52,000.00
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Tree Warden	1,183.00	3,600.00
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Assessors

Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

Highway Surveyor	60,123.00	63,129.00
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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

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, unanimous Article 4 as printed in the warrant with the FY06 column reading \$52,000 for the Town Clerk and \$63,129 for the Highway Surveyor.**

**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 **2006 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2006 Annual Budget Lines

**VOTED Aye, the following FY 2006 Budget Appropriations**

(The source of funding is raise and appropriate unless otherwise noted)

**FY 2006**

**FIXED COSTS**

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$	203,146
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion		95,000
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt		77,266
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion		13,300
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement		597,157
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits		676,309
	346,600 Free Cash	
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance		195,000
8. 913-5173 Unemployment		<u>15,360</u>

**TOTAL FIXED COSTS** **2,219,138**

**TOWN SERVICES**

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	45,000	
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	75,000	
11. 122-5432 Printing	6,000	
12. 155-5303 Computer	56,000	
13. 155-5341 Postage	27,000	
		1,000 Ambulance Fee Fund
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** **326,000**

## 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	42,050
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	467,755
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	7,000
32. 124-5112 Executive Secretary Wages	71,138
33. 124-5201 Executive Secretary Expenses	1,500
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,800
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	60,767
35A135-5112 Interim Wages	5,000
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	1,000
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	4,927
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	62,995
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	8,721
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	55,471
41. 145-5118 Treas/Collector Certification	0
42. 145-5201 Treas/Collector Expenses	7,805
43. 145-5190 Treas Contracted Charges	2,000
44. 161-5112 Town Clerk Wages	52,000
44a 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	1,000
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	4,306
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	2,356
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	3,100
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	7,700
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	2,250
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	3,100 Notice of Intent Fund
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	21,500
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	63,849
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	1,102
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	2,652
65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses	450

66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	21,145
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,260
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	23,616
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	2,000
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	2,400
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	3,500
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	33,075
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	910
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	253,684
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	4,927
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	51,933
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	6,008
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	4,500
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	39,384
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	39,939
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	13,252
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	10,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	11,756
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	6,688
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	44,558
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	45,650
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	68,000
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	28,520
91A636-5201 Parks & Fields	10,000
91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>

**TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT 1,795,488**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS**

### **HIGHWAY**

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	63,129
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	80,000
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 570,334**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	82,751
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages	1,233,064
101A. 210-5113 Other Wagers-Quinn Bill	82,988
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	<u>85,000</u>

**SUB-TOTAL 1,483,803**

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

<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>223,515</b>
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages	75,377
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages	811,547
248,120 Ambulance Fee Fund	
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages	36,170
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense	56,500
108A 220-5850 Equipment Outlay	1,500
108B 220-5850 Lease Purchase	26,880 Ambulance Fee Fund
108C Fire Safety Instruction	<u>6,500</u>

<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,262,594</b>
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>3,540,246</b>
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**EDUCATION**

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech	430,627
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp.	101,850
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing	96,805
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int.	488,661
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional	<u>5,651,125</u> + 378,711 contingent upon the passage of a ballot question, June 11, 2005

<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>6,769,068</b>
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<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>14,902,683</b>
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**WATER DEPARTMENT**

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages	7,813
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent	58,509
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages	214,076
117. 450-5114 Water Dept. Clerical	7,500
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses	400,000
118A 450-5307 Water Legal	50,000
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest	160,000
	<u>175,000</u> Water Surplus

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,072,898</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,975,581</b>
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**ARTICLE 6:** 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 Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account the sum of \$408,430.64 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 7:** 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 purposed 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 the continuance of a revolving fund under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 61 of the March 19, 1969 Town Meeting to read said parcel of land identified on Map 34, Lot 10 on Main Street to be used by the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Station Building  
Committee

**Explanation:** This article is required to revise the use of the property in order to construction a new police station facility.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, unanimous to amend Article 61 of the March 19, 1969 Town Meeting to read said parcel of land identified on Map 34, Lot 10 on Main Street to be used by the Police Department**

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police station, including all costs incidental or directly related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; and/or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Station Building Committee

**Explanation:** This article is for the construction of a new police station facility with an estimated cost of 4.8 million dollars.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous that \$4,800,000.00 is appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police station, including all costs incidental or directly related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$4,800,000.00 under G.L. c44, Sec. 7(3) or any other**

enabling authority; that, notwithstanding Section 1B of Article 2-9 of the Town by-laws, any unexpended/unencumbered balances related to this appropriation shall remain available for this project until the project has been completed; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, Sec 21C(Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to meet the expense of a building maintenance program for the Town Hall, Library, Senior Center and BCI Building to take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This program will set up a maintenance plan for each of the buildings and provide funding for the regular repairs and upkeep.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to meet the expense of a building maintenance program for the Town Hall, Library, Senior Center and BCI Building.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$189,491 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 291, of the Acts of 2004, for continuing State Aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** State aid Chapter 90 monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road paving and reconstruction that have now become available from the Massachusetts Highway Department and must be expended.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$189,491 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 291, of the Acts of 2004, for continuing State Aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or Stabilization and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be use for the minor road improvements to private ways in accordance with Hanson General By-Laws Article 2-17, Sec. 5 Streets and Highways or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** These funds will be used at the Highway Surveyor's discretion to grade and perform minor repairs to private ways in Hanson. Approx. \$3,000.00

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer a sum of \$3,000.00 from Free Cash to be used for the minor road improvements to private ways in accordance with Hanson General By-Laws Article 2-17, Sec. 5 Streets and Highways.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing Semi Automated External Defibrillators to be placed in various town buildings or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** These units will be mounted in the Library, Town Hall, Water Department Office and Meeting House Lane community room for use by the general public in case of sudden cardiac arrest. They will be compatible with the units



currently used by the Fire Department and are part of an overall drive by Hanson and Whitman to become “heart safe” communities as designated by the American Heart Association.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600.00 for the purpose of purchasing Semi Automated External Defibrillators to be placed in various town buildings.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 32, Section 89B of the Massachusetts General Laws or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This law provides for an annuity to the dependants of a Police Officer, Firefighter, Call Firefighter or Intermittent Police Officer killed in the performance of their duty. It is intended to protect the families of our call firefighters, part-time and auxiliary police officers should any of them make the ultimate sacrifice while in the service of the Town.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to accept Chapter 32, Section 89B of the Massachusetts General Laws.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws Article 3-18, Fire Prevention and Safety Regulations by adding a new section as follows:

“4. Carbon Monoxide Detectors – In all new or substantially altered, residential construction, a 110V Carbon monoxide detector shall be mounted at the base of each cellar stair and on each level of habitation. Except that in residential construction heated entirely by electricity with no attached garage such detectors shall not be required.”

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This by-law will serve to add a level of protection to homes in town. The Carbon Monoxide detectors will protect against tragedies like that in Plymouth. Carbon Monoxide is a deadly gas produced during combustion that cannot be smelled, or seen. These detectors are the only reliable method of protecting a home from this poisonous gas.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 15 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 16:** 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  
Improvement Committee Capital

**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 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free Cash, and/or transfer the Stabilization fund as sum of money to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This article sets up the funding source for the following capital improvement articles.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from Free Cash \$236,000.00 to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to complete various repairs and maintenance of Town Buildings under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other actions in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** Perform general upkeep of Town owned buildings

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$35,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to complete various repairs and maintenance of Town Buildings under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund to purchase of Permit Tracking Software under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other actions in relation thereto

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This will allow for all departments in town to follow and maintain all permits issued by the town.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$13,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase Permit Tracking Software for installation at the Town Hall.**

**ARTICLE 20 :** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to Purchase a new Handicap Van for the Senior Citizens Center under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other actions in relation thereto

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This will replace the current van under a grant issued by the State; this will be our portion (20%) of the cost of a new van.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$15,375.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase a new Handicap Van for the Senior Citizens Center.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to make drainage improvements throughout the town under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor or take any other actions in relation thereto

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This will allow the town to make improvements on town roads to reduce flooding.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to make drainage improvements throughout the town under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor.**

**ARTICLE 22 :** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase or lease/purchase a front end loader 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:** To replace the current 1993 Michigan Loader

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$35,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to lease/purchase a front end loader for the Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to refurbish though a lease/purchase Engines 2, Engine 3 and Rescue 1 under the direction of the Fire Chief or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** To extend the useful life of equipment currently in operation by the town

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$77,300.00 to refurbish through a 3 year lease/purchase Engine 2, Engine 3 and Rescue 1.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund for the construction of sidewalks under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** the town will be looking to construct sidewalks all various streets in the town.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 24 due to the lack of available funds.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase or lease/purchase a 1 ton Dump 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:** To replace the current 1994 Dump Truck

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$35,000.00 to purchase a 1-ton dump truck for the Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town of Hanson will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to meet the expense to install guardrail on Monponsett Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Street Safety  
and Development Comm.

**Explanation:** This article is necessary to insure the safety of the traveling public.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass over.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to authorize the Highway Surveyor to spend no more than \$7,500.00 from Chapter 90 funds for guardrail along Monponsett Street. (This vote was taken after the meeting voted to reconsideration Article 26 which was originally passed over).**

**ARTICLE 27:** 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 2006 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 Town must vote the percent of the Consumer Price Index annually. The Assessors recommend that 100% of the Consumer Price Index of 2.8% be allowed.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice Article 27 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 28:** 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 the 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.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 28 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 29:** 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 Article 29 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 30:** 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 Article 30 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 31:** 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 unanimous Article 31 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way, Meadow Lane Road and to see if the Town will further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Hanson

Meadow Lane as shown on the plan entitled "Roadway Asbuilt Plan Meadow Lane in Hanson Massachusetts prepared for R&R Homes Construction" dated October 15, 2001 and revised March 31, 2005 prepared by Land Planning, Inc.

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Meadow Lane has been constructed in accordance with Town standards and the Planning Board and Highway Surveyor have recommended acceptance. The subdivision control law contemplates that towns will accept as public ways all such roads, which are constructed in conformance with local standards while they are still in good condition.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to postpone Article 32 until the October 2005 Special Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will accept the layout of Holmes Terrace in accordance with the plan dated January 3, 2005, titled "Roadway As-built Plan – Holmes Terrace, Hanson Massachusetts," filed at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds file Number 05-23, Plan Book 49, Page 210 and accepted by the Hanson Planning Board dated January 5, 2005 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Scott J. Petersen and  
12 others

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to accept the layout of Holmes Terrace as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services to its residents or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Rosemarie Kennedy and 14 others

Finance Committee does not recommend Article 34.

**VOTED Aye , voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to contract with South Shore Women's Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services to its residents.**

**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, Plymouth and Islands, Inc.'s continued provision of free legal services in civil matters to low-income families and their children, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by John H. Thoms and 17 others

Finance Committee does not recommend Article 35.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 36:** To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, two Trustees of Memorial Field for three years, a Trustee of Memorial Field for one year, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, a member of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, a member of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for two years, and a Water Commissioner for three years and one question.

#### **QUESTION 1:**

Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to pay the costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Police Station including all costs incidental or directly related thereto?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE: Town Election May 21, 2005**

**Vote Aye, voice to recess until Saturday, May 21, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 36 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