

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

## **May 2006 Annual Town Meeting**

Annual Town Meeting  
May 1, 2006

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

Town Counsel was Gregg J. Corbo of the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mark Gallivan, and the Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners, Phyllis Bickford, made presentations to outgoing Water Commissioner Robert H. Andrews recognizing his thirty-two years of public service.

Retiring Town Accountant Barbara Gomez was recognized and thanked for her twenty-two years of dedicated service to the Town of Hanson and was presented a citation by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mark Gallivan.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mark Gallivan recognized the service of former Finance Committee members Roger McGovern, Margaret T. Hansen and Arthur Brasill.

State Representative Daniel K. Webster was recognized and introduced to the meeting.

A quorum was declared present with 139 registered voters in attendance.

The meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.  
The meeting reconvened at 8:10 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 **2005** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

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

The Government Study Committee gave a brief oral report.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2007 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 2007 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.**

**ARTICLE 3:** 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 \$691,748.00 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 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:

	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY07</b>
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	52,000.00	54,600.00
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Tree Warden	3,600.00	3,780.00
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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	63,129.00	66,285.00
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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

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

Finance Committee recommends.

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

**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 **2007 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2007 Annual Budget Lines

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, the following FY 2007 Budget Appropriations**

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

**FY 2007**

**FIXED COSTS**

1. 710-5914 Maturing Debt	\$ 188,272	
2. 710-5912 Debt Exclusion	95,000	
3. 750-5915 Interest Exp. Debt	67,913	
4. 750-5925 Interest Debt Exclusion	217,850	
5. 911-5174 Plymouth County Retirement	472,100	
	104,036 Stabilization Fund	89,909
Free Cash		
6. 914-5172 Town Benefits	1,100,000	
7. 945-5740 Town Insurance	219,238	
8. 913-5173 Unemployment	<u>15,360</u>	
<b>TOTAL FIXED COSTS</b>	<b>2,569,678</b>	

**TOWN SERVICES**

9. 132-5201 Reserve Fund	45,000	
10. 125-5790 Town Vehicles	72,500	
11. 122-5432 Printing	6,000	
12 155-5303 Computer	61,000	
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	
16A155-5302 Demolition	0	
16B155-5313 Harvester	1,500	
17. 155-5310 Town Audit	<u>23,500</u>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN SERVICES</b>	<b>338,500</b>	

**MAINTENANCE OF TOWN BUILDINGS**

18. 197-5201 Utilities	185,000	
19. 192-5113 Town Hall Custodian	72,444	
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>	
<b>TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS</b>	<b>292,944</b>	

**TOWN GOVERNMENT**

27. 114-5113 Moderator Wages	382	
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28. 122-5110 Selectmen Board Wages	7,813
29. 122-5111 Selectmen Board Other Wages	44,045
30. 122-5114 Selectmen Clerical Wages	557,310
31. 122-5201 Selectmen Expenses	7,000
32. 124-5112 Executive Secretary Wages	85,000
33. 124-5201 Executive Secretary Expenses	1,500
34. 131-5790 Finance Committee Expenses	1,800
35. 135-5112 Town Accountant Wages	60,767
35A 135-5112 Interim Wages	0
36. 135-5201 Town Accountant Expenses	1,000
37. 141-5111 Assessors Board Wages	4,927
38. 141-5113 Assessors Other Wages	64,885
39. 141-5201 Assessors Expenses	9,061
40. 145-5112 Treas/Collector Wages	57,135
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	53,560
44a 161-5118 Town Clerk Certification	1,000
45. 161-5201 Town Clerk Expenses	4,576
46. 162-5114 Election Wages	8,500
47. 162-5790 Election Expenses	8,862
48. 163-5113 Registrars Wages	7,700
49. 163-5201 Registrars Expenses	2,250
50. 171-5790 Conservation Expenses	4,000 Notice of Intent Fund
51. 172-5112 Conservation Agent Wages	26,780
52. 172-5201 Conservation Agent Expenses	0
52A 175-5113 Planning Board Wages	7,813
53. 175-5201 Planning Board Expenses	3,325
54. 176-5201 Appeals Board Expenses	800
55. 186-5112 Town Planner Wages	65,765
56. 186-5790 Town Planner Expenses	0
56A 186-5118 Town Planner Stipend	2,000
57. 241-5112 Building Inspector Wages	57,932
58. 241-5113 Bldg Inspector Other Wages	1,102
59. 241-5201 Building Inspector Expense	4,037
60. 242-5112 Gas Inspector Wages	4,937
61. 242-5201 Gas Inspector Expenses	835
62. 243-5112 Plumbing Inspector Wages	6,067
63. 243-5790 Plumbing Inspector Expenses	941
64. 244-5112 Sealer of Weights Wages	2,732
65. 244-5790 Sealer of Weights Expenses	450
66. 245-5112 Wire Inspector Wages	21,779
67. 245-5790 Wire Inspector Expenses	1,400
68. 293-5112 Animal Control Wages	24,324
69. 293-5790 Animal Control Expenses	2,000
70. 297-5112 Tree Dept. Wages	2,472
71. 297-5790 Tree Dept. Expenses	3,500
72. 430-5112 Disposal Area Wages	37,809
73. 430-5113 Disposal Area Expenses	1,150
74. 430-5291 Disposal Area Operations	271,846
75. 511-5111 Health Board Wages	4,927
76. 511-5113 Health Board Other Wages	54,460
77. 511-5201 Health Board Expenses	7,058
78. 511-5882 VNA Services	4,500
79. 541-5112 Elder Affairs Wages	43,655
80. 541-5113 Elder Affairs Other Wages	39,331
81. 541-5201 Elder Affairs Expenses	15,250
82. 541-5882 Elder Affairs VNA Services	10,400
83. 543-5113 Veterans Agent Wages	12,109
84. 543-5114 Veterans Clerical	6,890
85. 543-5790 Veterans Expenses	1,500
86. 543-5770 Veterans Benefits	15,000
86A 548-5790 Patriotic Observance	1,000
87. 544-5790 Care of Soldiers Graves	1,500
88. 610-5112 Librarian Wages	45,895
89. 610-5114 Library Other Wages	47,756
90. 610-5201 Library Expenses	73,453
91. 632-5113 Recreation Wages	29,375
91A 636-5201 Parks & Fields	10,000

91B649-5790 Thomas Mill Committee	0
91C650-5790 Town Forest Committee	<u>0</u>

<b>TOTAL TOWN GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>1,979,733</b>
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**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS**

**HIGHWAY**

92. 420-5112 Highway Surveyor Wages	65,023
93. 420-5113 Highway Dept. Wages	298,922
94. 420-5201 Highway Expenses	26,200
94A420-5850 Loader Lease Payment	0
95. 420-5210 Town Gasoline	90,000
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>

<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>606,145</b>
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

100. 210-5112 Police Chief Wages	86,926
101. 210-5113 Police Other Wages	1,387,097
101A. 210-5113 Other Wagers-Quinn Bill	95,414
102. 210-5201 Police Expenses	<u>88,500</u>

<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,657,937</b>
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103. 215-5115 Com. Center Dispatchers	254,639
104. 215-5201 Com. Center Expenses	<u>20,800</u>

<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>275,439</b>
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

105. 220-5112 Fire Chief Wages	80,744
106. 220-5110 Firefighters-F/T Wages	848,894
	236,000 Ambulance Fee Fund
	34,000 Stabilization Fund
107. 220-5113 Firefighters-P/T Wages	39,391
108. 220-5201 Fire Dept. Expense	60,000
108A220-5850 Equipment Outlay	2,000
108B220-5850 Lease Purchase	0
108C Fire Safety Instruction	<u>6,500</u>

<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1,307,529</b>
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>3,847,050</b>
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**EDUCATION**

109. 330-5334 South Shore Vo-Tech	396,993
110. 330-5320 Other Tuition & Transp.	106,200
111. 310-5331 Non-Mandated Busing	106,787
112. 320-5925 Exempt Debt & Int.	383,316
113. 320-5320 Whitman-Hanson Regional contingent upon	<u>6,210,731</u> + 288,756

ballot question,  
June 10, 2006

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<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>7,204,027</b>
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SUB-TOTAL 16,231,932

WATER DEPARTMENT

114. 450-5111 Board Members Wages	7,813
115. 450-5112 Water Superintendent	60,265
116. 450-5113 Water Other Wages	228,414
117. 450-5114 Water Dept. Clerical	8,700
118. 450-5201 Water Expenses	399,500
118A 450-5307 Water Legal	25,000
119. 450-5925 Water Dept. Debt & Interest	<u>323,515</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,053,207</b>

GRAND TOTAL \$17,285,139

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**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund retirement buy-outs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This will fund the Buy-Outs for employees as they retire (i.e. sick time, vacation, etc.)

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 6.**

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 \$189,399.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 291B 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 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash and/or Stabilization and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money 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 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.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

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

The meeting **VOTED Aye 70, Nay 16 to reconsider Article 5 Line 106, Firefighters-F/T wages.**

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 5, line 106 Firefighters-F/T wages \$848,894.00 from taxation, \$236,000.00 from ambulance fee funds and \$34,000.00 from stabilization fund.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Ambulance receipts, for the first year of a three year lease purchase agreement to replace Ambulance II or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This request is to replace the 1997 Ford Ambulance. It currently has over 70,000 miles on it and requires frequent repair.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to appropriate \$34,000.00 from Ambulance Funds for the purpose of entering into a three-year lease/purchase agreement to purchase a new ambulance.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from free cash, Ambulance receipts, or raise and appropriate to purchase three Semi-Automated External defibrillators and train various town employees and residents in their use. These units to be placed in several town buildings and vehicles to protect the general public or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This request to purchase 3 more SAEDs to be placed in Camp Kiwanee, the water department lobby and Police station lobby, these units will allow us to apply for the “Heart-Safe Community” designation through the Department of Public health and American Heart Association. This designation recognizes the commitment of the community to provide the best possible pre-hospital care to heart-attack victims.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 10.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, in addition to the \$4,800,000 previously appropriated, 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; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Police Station  
Building Committee

**Explanation:** These funds are required to offset the additional costs of inflation and increase in the costs of materials.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to appropriate the sum of \$180,000.00 in addition to the \$4,800,000.00 previously appropriated, 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.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Capital Improvement Program as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the

Capital Improvement Committee

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

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

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

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash and/or transfer from the stabilization Fund. These sums 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 for the Capital Improvement Articles. This article is presented every year.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$249,000.00 to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year Lease Purchase Agreement for the Michigan Front End Loader for the Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The sum of \$33,305 is required to fulfill the 2<sup>nd</sup> year commitment of the 3 year Lease Purchase Agreement.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$33,305.00 from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year Lease Purchase Agreement for the Michigan Front End Loader for the Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year Lease Purchase Agreement for Fire department equipment repairs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The sum of \$77,300 is required to fulfill the 2<sup>nd</sup> year commitment of the 3 year Lease Purchase Agreement

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$77,300.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year Lease Purchase Agreement for Fire department equipment repairs.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the own will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the cleanup of Town owned land on Crooker Place or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The sum of \$61,000 is requested to remove tires and other solid waste to eliminate existing public health and safety hazards. The State of Massachusetts will reimburse the Town for this expenditure.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$61,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the cleanup of Town owned land on Crooker Place.**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund replacement of 28 Ballistic Body Armor vests for the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The National Institute of Justice Standards has declared the current body armor obsolete. Cost of replacement is \$25,200. A 50% reimbursement of the cost from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, paid directly to the vendor, will reduce the Town's cost to \$12,600.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$12,600.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund replacement of 28 Ballistic Body Armor vests for the Police Department.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to provide the Police Department with up to date computer equipment/data base components for the new police station which expects to be finished by mid 2007 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The present computer system has been updated as much as possible since its installation in 1998 and is obsolete. The new police station will require new and up to date computer abilities. The construction budget for the new station does not include this new system, which must be in place for the new station to be operational.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 18.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement fund a sum of money to replace the roof at the Library/Senior Center or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** Although work has been done to repair this roof in the past the leaks have returned and now occur in other parts of the building as well. The historical room has recently sustained severe damage and the Town engineers have recommended that the entire roof be replaced.

Finance Committee recommends.



**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from the Capital Improvement fund \$40,000.00 to replace the roof at the Library/Senior Center.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to provide a decontamination station on the apparatus floor at the Liberty Street Fire Station for the use of the firemen and paramedics or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** Firemen risk contamination from hazardous materials and blood. This is a health issue. The station should consist of a commercial extractor/washer, stainless steel two-bowl sink, a shower/rinse down unit, and an area for cleaned equipment to dry. This would be enclosed with concrete block walls. The apparatus floor would be resealed to protect it.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$25,000.00 to provide a decontamination station on the apparatus floor at the Liberty Street Fire Station for the use of the firemen and paramedics.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to make necessary repairs to preserve the deteriorating building on the site of the old Plymouth County Hospital property on High Street known as the BCI building or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This town asset is very moldy. There are many windows that either need to be replaced or boarded up to prevent further water and other damage to the building. The basic structure is sound but will deteriorate quickly if we do not protect it from the mold and weather.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 21.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to update the kitchen at Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** These funds are necessary for certain updates to the kitchen at Camp Kiwanee.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 22.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money for major repairs to the Maquan Elementary School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The School Committee has submitted requests for an elevator, roof repairs, boiler replacement and parking lot repairs, which the Capital Improvement Committee supports, but is unable to fund at this time.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over Article 23.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 23.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund both the Meter Replacement Program and related meter equipment for the Water Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This article will allow us to purchase water meters to replace old ones, supply new accounts, and to purchase equipment related to the operation and reading of the meter system.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$50,000.00 from Water Surplus for the meter replacement program and related meter equipment.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund an Iron Removal Study for the purposed Pleasant

Street wellsite, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This article is the next phase in the process that will show us what type of iron removal plan is needed for the Pleasant Street well field.

Finance Committee holds.

**VOTED Aye, voice** to transfer \$150,000.00 from Water Surplus to fund an Iron Removal Study for the proposed Pleasant Street wellsite for the Water Department.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5 as added by Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995, to increase annually the amount of tax exemption allowed under Chapter 59, section, 5 clause 17D in the amount of 100% of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** In 2002, 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 qualifying surviving spouses and elderly property owners. This article will annually increase the exemption by 100% of the CPI. By simply inserting the word annually in the article we will not need to bring this article forward each year. The Assessors have historically recommended that 100% of the CPI be voted.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 26 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the interest rate applicable to tax deferral and recovery agreements entered into pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 5, clause 41A, which provides for a property tax deferral for certain qualified seniors, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** Town Meeting voters will now be able to establish an alternative lower interest rate each year to apply to property tax deferrals. Any change in rate would need to be voted no later than July 1 of the fiscal year to which the tax relates. The Assessors are recommending an interest rate of 5% for property tax deferrals, commencing with taxes deferred in fiscal 2007. The current rate is 8%.

Finance Committee refer to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 27 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described below, owned by the Town and currently under the care, custody, maintenance and control of the Water Department Commissioners for water department purposes to the Water Department Commissioners for the joint purposes of leasing to a telecommunications company for the location of a telecommunications facility and water department purposes, and further to authorize the Water Department Commissioners to enter into such a lease or leases for said purposes, for all or a portion of the land shown on Assessors Map 49, as Lot 28, also known as Lot 1-1 being a portion of the land described in a deed to the Town recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds at Book 18,114, Page 1-2 upon such terms and conditions, and for a period of up to twenty years; and to grant such easements upon said land as are necessary for utility services in support of such use; as the Water Department Commissioners shall determine to be appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.

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Proposed by Board of Selectmen

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**Explanation:** The land described in this Article, which is owned by the Town, is currently under the care, custody and maintenance of the Water Department Board of Water Commissioners for the purposes of supplying water. This Article enlarges the purposes of the care, maintenance, and custody of said land to allow for joint purposes with the town to enter into a lease to a telecommunications company for the location of a telecommunications facility on this land.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described below, owned by the Town and currently under the care, custody, maintenance and control of the Water Department Commissioners as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 29:** 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 purpose 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 30:** 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 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 30 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 31:** 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

**Explanation:** This is the annual revolving account article. The receipts generated from copies, fines and fees for the 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.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous Article 31 as written in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 32:** 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 Director Elder Affairs and the Board of Library Trustees.

The Director of 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 32 as written in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 33:** 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 33 as printed in the warrant.**

**ARTICLE 34:** To ask the Town of Hanson to vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,000 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 John Franchi and 13 others

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 34.**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to see if the Town will vote to order the Board of Selectmen to provide the taxpayers and citizens of Hanson with a detailed financial accounting of all monies expended by the town on the Plymouth County Hospital property since its purchase from the Plymouth County or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Gordon B. Coyle and 53 others

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over Article 35.**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to see if the town will vote to rescind the following votes: 1. Under Article 41 (Oct. 1, 2001 Special) authorizing the Board of Selectmen to sell 18.34 acres, more or less, of the Plymouth County Hospital Land identified as Lot 3. 2. Under Article 42 (Oct. 1, 2001 Special) authorizing the Board of Selectmen to sell Lot 2. 3. Under Article 31 (May 7, 2002 Annual) authorizing the Board of Selectmen to convey (3) acres more or less, of the former Plymouth County Hospital land as Lot 1. All these lots are on the plan entitled "Plan of Land located on High Street and Pierce Avenue, Hanson, Massachusetts, prepared for Vanasse, Hansen, Brustlin, Inc., 101 Walnut Street, Watertown, Mass, September 11, 2001, Scale 1"=80' or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Gordon B. Coyle and 49 others

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

**VOTED Aye, voice to require the Board of Selectman to bring for Town Meeting vote any sale, conveyance or encumbrance of the Plymouth County Hospital property.**

**ARTICLE 37:**~~~~~To bring in their votes for the following offices:~ A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, ~a Selectman for one year, an Assessor for three years,~ a Board of Health member for three years,~ a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for two years, a Cemetery Commissioner for one year, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for two years, two Constables for three years, one Trustee of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of Memorial Field for two years, 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 one year, and two Water Commissioners for three years.

**SEE: Town Election, May 20, 2006.**

**VOTED Aye, voice to recess until Saturday, May 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Maquan School to take up Article 37 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