

Annual Town Meeting
May 7, 2018

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the auditorium of the Hanson Middle School with James Armstrong, John Norton and Joseph Campbell appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Town Meeting and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Marjorie Bates, Evelyn Barr, Thomas Pepe, Sylvia Redpath, Peter Rioux, Roy Reimer, Paul Taber, Gordon Coyle and Bob Biggins.

The Moderator indicated that the Town Meeting would be run by the rules of Town Meeting Time.

A quorum was present with 177 voters in attendance.

State Representative, Josh Cutler gave retiring Selectman, James McGahan a citation and thanked him for all his public service to the Town of Hanson. Mr. Michael Jackman from Congressman's William Keating's Office gave him a citation as well. The Town Administrator, Michael McCue thanked Selectman McGahan on behalf of the Town of Hanson.

The Moderator requested a motion to have Town Meeting allow the Moderator to declare a determination of a voice vote of Town Meeting. Motion was made by Sean Kealy, seconded by Robert Hayes, **Vote Aye, voice** to allow the Moderator to declare a determination of a voice vote of Town Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 7:41 PM to open the Special Town Meeting and will reconvene upon the dissolution of the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 8:06PM.

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 **2017** Town Report.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James Hickey
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to hear any reports of the various Town Offices, Committees and Special Committees.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2019 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.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2019 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from overlay surplus for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This money will be used to cover the costs incurred for filing and advertising properties with delinquent taxes, and also to pay any legal fees resulting from this process.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$20,000 from overlay surplus for the Treasurer/Collectors tax title account.

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

	FY18	FY19
Town Clerk	\$67,205.00	\$69,221.00
Tree Warden	\$3,055.00	\$3,116.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

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

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmitt
Second: Donald Howard

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

ARTICLE 5: To determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Water Surplus, Title V Special Revenue Fund, MWPAT Loan Repayments Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, and Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2019 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2019 Annual Budget Lines
Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenny Mitchell
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice the following FY 2019 Budget Appropriations
(The source of funding is raise and appropriate, by taxation, unless otherwise noted)

		FY 2019
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
122 SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION		
1. Salaries	\$	175,535
2. Expenses		25,435
3. Capital Outlay		0
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
4. Salaries		1,500
5. Expenses		450
6. Reserve Fund		90,000

135 ACCOUNTANT

7. Salaries	111,795
8. Expenses	2,000
9. Audit	38,000

141 ASSESSORS

10. Salaries	161,950
11. Expenses	7,000

145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

12. Salaries	195,336
13. Expenses	10,375
14. MWPAT Admin Expenses	10,000 MWPAT Title V Interest

151 LEGAL SERVICES

15. Expenses	140,000
--------------	---------

155 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

16. Expenses	120,000
--------------	---------

161 TOWN CLERK

17. Salaries	115,242
18. Expenses	4,055

162 ELECTIONS

19. Salaries	15,019
20. Expenses	12,891

163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS

21. Salaries	8,054
22. Expenses	1,782

171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

23. Salaries	44,606
24. Expenses	4,805

175 PLANNING BOARD

25. Salaries	82,285
26. Expenses	6,331

176 APPEALS BOARD

27. Salaries	35,152
28. Expenses	720

180 MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

29. Expenses	0
--------------	---

190 POSTAGE

30. Expenses	28,000
--------------	--------

192 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

31. Salaries	53,512
32. Expenses	78,350

196 UTILITIES

33. Expenses	128,750
SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,708,930

PUBLIC SAFETY:

210 POLICE

34. Salaries	2,065,559
35. Expenses	232,925
36. Capital Outlay	129,000

215 COMMUNICATIONS

37. Salaries	366,190
38. Expenses	32,250

220 FIRE & AMBULANCE

39. Salaries	1,636,774
--------------	-----------

40. Expenses	265,000 Ambulance Fund 162,715
41. Capital Outlay	35,000 Ambulance Fund 25,500

241 BUILDING INSPECTION

42. Salaries	79,162
43. Expenses	7,400

242 GAS INSPECTION

44. Salaries	6,850
--------------	-------

243 PLUMBING INSPECTION

45. Salaries	6,850
--------------	-------

244 WEIGHTS & MEASURES

46. Salaries	3,452
47. Expenses	600

245 WIRING INSPECTION

48. Salaries	21,000
--------------	--------

292 ANIMAL CONTROL

49. Salaries	19,000
50. Expenses	7,000

294 TREE WARDEN

51. Salaries	3,116
52. Expenses	25,000

SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY

5,130,343

EDUCATION:

300 WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL

53. Operating Assessment	8,913,341
54. Transportation Assessment	103,828

55. Debt Assessment	447,599
56. 330 SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH	997,353
57. 340 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	165,000
SUBTOTAL, EDUCATION	10,627,121

PUBLIC WORKS:

410 ENGINEERING

58. Expenses	5,000
--------------	-------

420 HIGHWAY

59. Salaries	486,787
60. Expenses	282,775
61. Snow & Ice	300,000
62. Street Sweeping	40,000

424 TOWN-WIDE FUEL

63. Expenses	95,000
--------------	--------

SUBTOTAL, PUBLIC WORKS	1,209,562
-------------------------------	------------------

HUMAN SERVICES:

511 BOARD OF HEALTH

64. Salaries	110,402
65. Expenses	7,525
66. VNA Services	5,500

541 COUNCIL ON AGING

67. Salaries	83,007
68. Expenses	9,200
69. VNA Services	6,800

543 VETERANS

70. Salaries	21,753
71. Expenses	4,700

72. Assistance	40,000
----------------	--------

544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES

73. Expenses	2,500
SUBTOTAL, HUMAN SERVICES	291,387

CULTURE & RECREATION:

610 LIBRARY

74. Salaries	286,249
75. Expenses	133,916

650 PARK & FIELDS

76. Expenses	25,000
--------------	--------

77. 692 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM	2,500
-----------------------------------	-------

SUBTOTAL, CULTURE & RECREATION	447,665
---	----------------

FIXED COSTS:

710 DEBT SERVICE

78. Principal	585,000
	115,000 MWPAT Rcpts reserved
79. Interest	100,925
	2,921 Debt Premium reserved

80. 911 PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT	1,432,987
------------------------------------	-----------

81. 913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	29,020
-----------------------------------	--------

82. 914 GROUP INSURANCE	2,061,135
-------------------------	-----------

83. 945 RISK MANAGEMENT	270,000
SUBTOTAL, FIXED COSTS	4,596,988

SUB TOTAL	\$ 24,011,996
------------------	----------------------

=====

WATER:

84. Salaries	522,938 Water Revenue
85. Expenses	412,520 Water Revenue
86. Debt Service	437,172 Water Revenue
87. Indirect Cost	<u>277,001</u> Water Revenue
SUBTOTAL, WATER	1,649,631

TOTAL – ALL BUDGETS - GRAND TOTAL **\$ 25,661,627**

ARTICLE 6: To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2019, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues	FY 18	FY 19
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$291,600	\$317,103
Retained Earnings	\$	\$ 53,366
Taxation	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$291,600	\$370,469

Estimated Expenses			
Item	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$179,600	\$184,853	Program Revenues
Expenses	\$ 87,000	\$107,250	Program Revenues
Debt Service	\$	\$ 53,366	Retained Earnings
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	Program Revenues
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$291,600	\$370,469	

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

Explanation: Recreation program cost now shown in this Enterprise Fund budget. With the exception of the Administrative Assistant position, all costs related to the operation of Camp Kiwanee are projected to be offset by the program revenues. All surpluses of this account at the end of the year will remain within the account.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Diane Cohen
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2019, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2019, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues	FY18	FY 19
Item	Amount	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$170,750	\$187,369
Retained Earnings	\$ 61,869	\$ 57,647
Taxation	<u>\$ 86,965</u>	<u>\$ 86,690</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$319,584	\$331,706

Estimated Expenses	Amount	Funding Source
Item		
Salaries	\$116,539	\$116,632 \$57,647 Retained Earnings <u>\$58,985 Taxation</u>
Expenses	\$169,369	\$187,369 Program Revenues
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 33,676</u>	<u>\$ 27,705</u> Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$319,584	\$331,706

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: The total cost of operating the Transfer Station is \$331,706. A portion of the Salaries \$58,985 and indirect cost \$27,705 will come from general taxation. The balance of expenses \$245,016 will be paid through the Enterprise Fund.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Arlene Dias

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Transfer Station during fiscal year 2019, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2019 Community Preservation Fund estimated** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$25,000
From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$155,000

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

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

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Patty Norton

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to appropriate or reserve from Fiscal Year 2019 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.
And Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This is the annual article which approves the Capital Improvement matrix for the next fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Norton

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to adopt the Capital Improvement Program as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to various department Capital Accounts for the following items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY19 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Town Hall	Generator	\$75,000		Free Cash
2	Fire Dept.	Floor Rehabilitation	\$64,000		Free Cash
3	Highway	Utility Truck	\$125,000		Taxation/Free Cash/Transfer
4	School – Indian Head	Playground	225,000		Free Cash
5	School - Indian Head	Upgrade card access at Front Entrance	35,000		Free Cash
6	School – Indian Head	Repair Memorial Hall Exterior Entrance	50,000		Taxation/Free Cash/Transfer
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>574,000</i>		

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee &
Board of Selectmen

Explanation: *Item 1-* A generator is needed at Town Hall to provide continued power to the computer network which allows for uninterrupted communications between Administrator and public safety personnel. *Item 2* – Fire Department floor rehabilitation; *Item 3-* Highway – Utility truck; *Item 4* - To replace and install playground to meet the current safety standards, to meet the enrollment standards and to meet the ADA requirements; *Item 5* - To increase security at the front entrance. Install card access to interior front entrance doors, move interior doors and walls, install new ceilings, counter and reconfiguring office area with a security window to ensure safety for staff and students; *Item 6* - Replace siding, remove lead paint, replace exterior trim, repair columns, new lighting, repair front stairway and platform, re-paint façade.

Finance Committee recommends line 2, 4, 5 & 6, does not recommend line 1 & 3

Motion: John Norton
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$574,000 Free Cash to various department Capital Accounts for the following item as printed in the warrant.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY19 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Town Hall	Generator	\$75,000	Recommend	Free Cash
2	Fire Dept.	Floor Rehabilitation	\$64,000	Recommend	Free Cash
3	Highway	Utility Truck	\$125,000	Recommend	Free Cash
4	School – Indian Head	Playground	225,000	Recommend	Free Cash
5	School - Indian Head	Upgrade card access at Front Entrance	35,000	Recommend	Free Cash
6	School – Indian Head	Repair Memorial Hall Exterior Entrance	50,000	Recommend	Free Cash
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>574,000</i>		

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to Capital Accounts for the following Whitman Hanson Regional High School items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY19 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	School - High School	Update Interior/Exterior Cameras	\$24,108		Free Cash
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$24,108</i>		

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.

Explanation: *Item 1* - Security cameras at the high school are 13 years old and are failing. All existing cameras will be replaced and new cameras added to new locations.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Norton

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$24,108 from Free Cash to Capital Accounts for the following Whitman Hanson Regional High School to Update Interior and Exterior Cameras

Line	Dept.	Item	FY19 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	School - High School	Update Interior/Exterior Cameras	\$24,108	Recommend	Free Cash
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$24,108</i>		

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing \$600,000.00 to purchase and equip a new fire engine and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, (1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds are requested to purchase and equip a new fire engine to replace a 1986 Maxim Pumper with a Pumper that has more water and pump capacity. **Requires 2/3 Vote.**

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Jerome Thompson
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to raise through borrowing \$600,000.00 to purchase and equip a new fire engine and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, (1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will approve the \$500,000 borrowing authorized by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District to pay costs of designing and carrying out HVAC improvements at the Hanson Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

Explanation: The Project shall consist of providing a high efficiency variable refrigerant flow (VRF) heat pumps air conditioning system for the Second Floor Classrooms and Learning Spaces at the Hanson Middle School located at 111 Liberty Street, Hanson MA.

The Middle School was constructed in 1998, is approximately 157,000 square feet and consists of two floors. The existing building classrooms are heated and ventilated through the use of hot water classroom unit ventilator units, and currently do not have air conditioning.

As part of this project scope, indoor ductless wall mounted or ceiling mounted AC units shall be installed within the classroom and shall be piped with insulated refrigeration piping to outdoor grade or roof mounted air cooled heat pump condensing equipment. Multiple indoor units shall be connected to each outdoor condensing units to maximize system sizing, efficiency and diversity. A new direct digital control system shall be provided to control and monitor the VRF system. All newly installed systems shall be fully tested, adjusted and commissioned.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Robert Hayes
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to approve the \$500,000 borrowing authorized by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District to pay costs of designing and carrying out HVAC improvements at the Hanson Middle School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County pursuant to G.L. c. 90 for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads. Said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Town of Hanson to accept state funding, including Chapter 90 funding for accepted roadways. This article authorizes use of funds which will be 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The budget approved each fiscal year by the legislature and governor establishes the total funding available for Chapter 90 local transportation aid for that year. These funds are then apportioned to the 351 Massachusetts towns and cities.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any allocated or to be allocated funds by the Commonwealth and/or County pursuant to G.L. c. 90 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000 to replenish the Conservation Fund for open space management and related conservation purposes or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: The task of *implementing* the Open Space and Recreation Plan is currently one of the more important responsibilities of the Conservation Commission. Some of the goals of the OSRP are to: acquire land or conservation restrictions to permanently protect open space; provide a linked system of open space, trails and greenways that are accessible to the public; improve public access, such as the creation of parking spaces at open space parcels; and provide passive recreation information by providing maps of public lands, installing kiosks at open space parcels, and providing signs for existing municipal open space. Several of these important goals were accomplished in 2013 aided by the use of Conservation Funds. Current balance \$11,000

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Phil Clemons
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to replenish the Conservation Fund for open space management and related conservation purposes.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$80,000 to purchase two new trucks for the Department; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioner

Explanation: The department needs to replace two vehicles due to their age and the condition of the vehicles.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: William Garvey
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus \$80,000 to purchase two new trucks for the Department.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$18,000 to purchase two storage containers for the water department; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioner

Explanation: These two containers will be used for storage for the department's smaller equipment. These funds will also be used for concrete pads to put the containers on; and to install overhead roofs.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: William Garvey
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus \$18,000 to purchase two storage containers for the water department.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus, \$40,000 to upgrade our SCADA panel at the wellfield; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioner

Explanation: The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) panel, which is located at the deep well in the V FD room is outdated. The panel was installed in 1984 and the communication is no longer compatible with our new upgraded SCADA computer at the office.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: William Garvey
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus, \$40,000 to upgrade our SCADA panel at the wellfield.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This money will be used to increase the Stabilization Fund. A stabilization fund is a mechanism for setting aside money either for unforeseen needs or for capital projects. Such a fund is intended to equalize the effect of capital expenditures over time and to provide a “rainy day” fund. The Town’s target has been to maintain close to 5% which is the industry standard minimum amount for Stabilization Funds as recommended by our auditors and will help to maintain a positive bond rating for future borrowing purposes.

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 19.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to be added to the Regional Schools Capital Stabilization fund as established by the October 2014 Special Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This Stabilization Fund sets asides funds for the exclusive use of paying for capital improvements to the Hanson School Buildings and the Whitman Hanson Regional High School. The current balance is \$50,000

Finance Committee recommends to Pass Over.

Motion: James McGahan
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 20.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Hanson will approve the amended Whitman Hanson Regional School District Regional Agreement a draft copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Whitman Hanson Regional
School District

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Robert Hayes
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 21.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town of Hanson will approve the amended South Shore Vocational Technical Regional High School regional agreement dated October 31, 2017, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the South Shore Regional Vocational
School District

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to approve the amended South Shore Vocational Technical Regional High School regional agreement dated October 31, 2017, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to set the spending limits of the following revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as follows:

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

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article sets the spending limits for the revolving the annual revolving accounts which have been consolidated into one article to streamline the warrant process.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura FitzGerlad-Kemmett

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to approve to set the spending limits of the following revolving accounts in accordance with Hanson General By-law Article 2 – 9 Section 3 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws Article 3-12 Earth Removal by adding in the title “**and Bulk Storage**” and further amending by renumbering **Penalty** as Sec. 6 and further amending by adding a new Section 5, entitled “**Bulk Storage**” as follows:

§5A Purpose – Businesses, including, but not limited to agricultural business, that utilize the Bulk Storage of materials, as defined herein, may cause excessive noise, dust, traffic and odor and may otherwise impact the health safety and welfare of Hanson residents. As a consequence, all existing and proposed Bulk Storage operations must obtain a Bulk Storage License from the Board of Selectmen.

§5B Definition – “Bulk Storage” shall be defined as the outdoor storage of materials in excess of 500 cubic yards in the aggregate and/or 20 feet in height, including but not limited to, sand, mulch, lumber, coal, or other bulk materials not for retail sales on premises whether as a primary or accessory use of the subject property. Temporary storage of materials associated with active construction sites shall be exempt from this by-law, provided that such materials are stored for no longer than thirty (30) days;

§5C Term – Bulk Storage Licenses must be renewed annually. Each such License shall terminate on December 31st. An application for renewal must be received by no later than November 15th of any given year. The Board of Selectmen shall vote to issue such renewals at duly posted meeting.

§5D Standards for issuance – When determining issuance or renewal of a Bulk Storage License the Board of Selectmen may take into consideration any concerns regarding health, safety and welfare of the residents of Hanson, as well as any environmental concerns. The Selectmen may impose conditions on the issuance or renewal of a Bulk Storage License. The Selectmen may impose reasonable conditions on any Bulk Storage License.

§5E Revocation – In the event that any Bulk Storage Licensee is found to be in violation of its License or of any law, regulation, bylaw or other accepted standard, the Selectmen may commence a proceeding for revocation of the License. Such proceeding shall be commenced by written Notice to the Licensee of a hearing before the Selectmen, not less than seven days

following the date of delivery of such Notice. The Licensee shall be provided with an opportunity to present evidence and testimony at any such hearing. The Selectmen's decision shall be issued, in writing no later than twenty-one (21) days following the close of such hearing.

or taken any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James Hickey
Second: Donald Howard

Daniel Sheehan explained that the neighborhood around Rosewood Drive has had trouble with sand and dust blowing off the cranberry bog that is next to that street and hoped that this article would help with the situation. The Moderator gave non-resident Stanly Kravitz who owns bogs in the Town of Hanson permission to speak on this article. Mr. Kravitz explained that the sand is required in the growing process and he would like to see a compromise reached between the residents and the bog owners.

VOTED Aye 67, Nay 73 to amend its General Bylaws Article 3-12 Earth Removal by adding in the title “and Bulk Storage” and further amending by renumbering Penalty as Sec. 6 and further amending by adding a new Section 5, entitled “Bulk Storage” as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend its General Bylaws Article 4 -1 Enforcement - Article 3-12 Earth Removal by adding “**and Bulk Storage**” and adding **Building Inspector** in the Enforcement Officer column or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation – This is a housekeeping matter as it relates to the previous article relating to the General By-laws Article 3-12 Earth Removal by adding “**and Bulk Storage**” and adding **Building Inspector** in the Enforcement Officer

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 25.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, **Section 6.A.3; 6.B.3, 6.C.3; 6.D.3, 6.E.3 Minimum Frontage Requirements** for each zoning districts by deleting in each zoning district the following verbiage:

*Measured at the street line. Where a lot has frontage on two (2) streets only one-half (1/2) of the linear distance on the curve at the intersection shall be computed as frontage on any street. Both frontages shall meet the requirements of minimum lot frontage. Width of all lots shall at least meet the minimum frontage for a depth of one hundred (100) feet.

and inserting in its place the following:

*Measured at the street line. *Where a lot has frontage on two (2) or more streets it may use the frontage from any one of those streets to meet the minimum required lot frontage.* Width of all lots shall at least meet the minimum frontage for a depth of one hundred (100) feet.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – Requires 2/3 Vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Joseph Weeks

Second: Donald Howard

Joe Campbell who is a Planning Board member spoke against this article explaining that in his opinion this would not be good for the town. Assessor, Kathleen Marini spoke for the article stating that most of these lots are used for water retention areas that developers tend to abandon and the Town gets stuck maintaining, as well as losing tax revenue.

VOTED Aye 46, Nay 69 (2/3's majority not achieved) to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 6.A.3; 6.B.3, 6.C.3; 6.D.3, 6.E.3 Minimum Frontage Requirements for each zoning districts as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by amending Section VI, to add a new subsection M, Marijuana Establishments, as allowable by special permit in the districts identified in subsection VI-M.4 and further to amend Table of Contents as follows:

M SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Purposes

A. To provide for the establishment of Marijuana Establishments in appropriate places and under strict conditions in accordance with the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, as amended, and as codified in G.L. c. 94G, §1, *et seq.*, and the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) Regulations promulgated thereunder, 935 CMR 500.000, as the same may be amended from time-to-time.

B. To minimize the adverse impacts of Marijuana Establishments on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and other places where children congregate, local historic districts, and other land uses potentially incompatible with said Establishments.

C. To regulate the siting, design, placement, security, safety, monitoring, modification, and removal of Marijuana Establishments.

2. Applicability

A. The commercial cultivation, production, processing, assembly, packaging, retail or wholesale sale, trade, distribution or dispensing of Marijuana as regulated pursuant to G.L. c. 94G is prohibited unless permitted as a Marijuana Establishment under this Section VI.M.

B. No Marijuana Establishment shall be established except in compliance with the provisions of this Section VI.M.

C. Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to supersede federal and state laws governing the sale and distribution of narcotic drugs.

D. If any provision of this Section or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Section, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Section are severable.

3. Definitions

Craft Marijuana Cultivator Cooperative - shall mean a marijuana cultivator comprised of residents of the commonwealth organized as a limited liability company or limited liability partnership under the laws of the commonwealth, or an appropriate business structure as determined by the commission, and that is licensed to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package and brand marijuana and marijuana products to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

Marijuana Cultivator - shall mean an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

Marijuana Establishment - shall mean a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, all as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, said Marijuana Establishments shall be deemed independent of any other definition in this by-law and not a subset or subcategory of any other category.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer - shall mean an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

Marijuana Retailer - shall mean an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana

products to marijuana establishments and to consumers, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, further provided that Marijuana Retailers may not be considered Retail Business in any other context.

Marijuana Testing Facility - shall mean an entity licensed to test marijuana and marijuana products, including certification for potency and the presence of contaminants, as defined the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G.

4. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Establishments.

Marijuana Retailers may be allowed by Special Permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen on in the Marijuana Retail Area Overlay District, which is comprised of the following locations, those area in the Town of Hanson zoned as the Business District and which also have frontage on Route 27, Franklin Street and Main Street, as depicted on a plan entitled Proposed Marijuana Retail Area Overlay District Plan, Job Number P-3312, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Hanson, Massachusetts, provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section VI.M.

Marijuana Establishments, expressly excluding Marijuana Retailers, may be allowed by Special Permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen in the following locations , on Assessors Map 59 Lots 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-8, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, Assessors Map 52 Lot 17-16, as depicted on a plan entitled Medical Marijuana Distribution Area Overlay District Plan, Job Number P-2967, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Hanson, Massachusetts, provided the facility meets the requirements of this Section VI.M.

5. General Requirements and Conditions for all Marijuana Establishments.

- A. All Marijuana Establishments shall be contained within a building or structure.
- B. No Marijuana Establishment may be located within 1,000 feet of a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12.
- C. No Marijuana Establishment shall have a gross floor area of less than 2,500 square feet or in excess of 20,000 square feet.
- D. A Marijuana Establishment shall not be located in buildings that contain any medical doctors offices or offices of any other professional practitioner authorized to prescribe the use of Marijuana.
- E. The hours of operation of Marijuana Establishments shall be set by the Special Permit Granting Authority, but in no event shall said Establishments be open and/or operating between the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- F. No smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of a Marijuana Establishment.
- G. No Marijuana Establishment shall be located inside a building containing residential units, including transient housing such as motels and dormitories, or inside a movable or mobile structure such as a van or truck.

H. Marijuana Establishments shall provide the Hanson Police Department, Building Commissioner and the Special Permit Granting Authority with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all management staff and key holders to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the establishment.

6. Special Permit Requirements

A. A Marijuana Establishment shall only be allowed by special permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen in accordance with G.L. c. 40A.

B. A special permit for a Marijuana Establishment shall be limited to one or more of the uses that shall be prescribed by the Special Permit Granting Authority as defined in the definitions section above:

C. In addition to the application requirements set forth in Sections VI.M.5 and VI.M.6 of this Bylaw, a special permit application for a Marijuana Establishment shall include the following:

- 1) the name and address of each owner of the facility;
- 2) copies of all required licenses and permits issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies for the Establishment;
- 3) evidence of the Applicant's tenancy or ownership of the site for the Establishment, such as a deed or lease;
- 4) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly-situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure contains the names of individuals;
- 5) a certified list of all parties in interest entitled to notice of the hearing for the special permit application, taken from the most recent tax list of the town and certified by the Town Assessor;
- 6) Proposed security measures for the Marijuana Establishment, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

D. Mandatory Findings. The Special Permit Granting Authority shall not issue a special permit for a Marijuana Establishment unless it finds that:

- 1) the Marijuana Establishment is designed to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters and other parties in interest, as defined in G.L. c. 40A, § 9.
- 2) the Marijuana Establishment demonstrates that it will meet all the permitting requirements of all applicable agencies within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will be in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations; and
- 3) the applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of Sections VI.M.5 and VI.M.6 herein;

E. Annual Reporting. Each Marijuana Establishment permitted under this Bylaw shall as a condition of its special permit file an annual report to and appear before the Special Permit Granting Authority and the Town Clerk no later than January 31st, providing a copy of all current applicable state licenses for the Marijuana Establishment and/or its owners and demonstrate continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

F. A special permit granted under this Section shall have a term limited to the duration of the applicant's state approval as a Marijuana Establishment. A special permit may be transferred only with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority in the form of an amendment to the special permit with all information required in this Section VI-M.

G. The Board shall require the applicant to post a bond at the time of construction to cover costs for the removal of the Marijuana Establishment in the event the Town must remove the Marijuana Establishment. The value of the bond shall be based upon the ability to completely remove all the items associated with the Marijuana Establishment and properly clean the facility at prevailing wages. The value of the bond shall be developed based upon the applicant providing the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen with three (3) written bids to meet the noted requirements. An incentive factor of 1.5 shall be applied to all bonds to ensure compliance and adequate funds for the town to remove the Marijuana Establishment at prevailing wages.

7. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use

A. A Special Permit shall lapse if not exercised within one year of issuance.

B. A Marijuana Establishment shall be required to remove all material, plants equipment and other paraphernalia:

- 1) prior to surrendering its state issued licenses or permits; or
- 2) within six months of ceasing operations; whichever comes first.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – Requires 2/3 Vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Joseph Weeks

Second: Donald Howard

There was some discussion on exactly where the location of the Marijuana Retailers will be allowed in the Town of Hanson. There was a handout available at the start of town meeting showing the proposed marijuana retail area overlay district plan that would be allowed by this article.

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to amend the Town of Hanson Zoning Bylaws by amending Section VI, to add a new subsection M, Marijuana Establishments, as allowable by special permit in the districts identified in subsection VI-M.4 and further to amend Table of Contents as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a 3% local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town of Hanson or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Joseph Weeks
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 to impose a 3% local sales tax on the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the Town of Hanson.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7: Subsection L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities by inserting at the end of **Subsection 3** the following:

Notwithstanding the above, cell towers may be placed on any municipal property in any zone as approved by Town Meeting.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – Requires 2/3 Vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Joseph Weeks
Second: Donald Howard

Mark Vess spoke against this article stating that it allows a commercial enterprise in a residential zone.

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section VII: Subsection L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities by inserting at the end of Subsection 3 the following:

Notwithstanding the above, cell towers may be placed on any municipal property in any zone. The site location will have to be approved by 2/3 vote at Town Meeting. Installation of a cell tower on municipal land shall comply with the remaining requirements of Section VII. L.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7: Subsection L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities by deleting in **Subsection 6.d** the words **one hundred fifty (150) feet** and inserting in its place the words **two hundred (200) feet** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – Requires 2/3 Vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Joseph Weeks
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section VII: Subsection L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities by deleting in Subsection 6.d the words one hundred fifty (150) feet and inserting in its place the words two hundred (200) feet

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote the Codification, Re-Organization and Indexing of the Table of Contents of the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation – Requires 2/3 Vote.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Joseph Weeks
Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by Moderator the Codification, Re-Organization and Indexing of the Table of Contents of the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office

LAND USE REGULATIONS

Zoning Bylaws
Table of Contents

SECTION	I	Purpose	
SECTION	II	Definitions	
SECTION	III	Districts	
		A. Establishment of Districts	
		B. Location of Districts	
		C. Location of Boundaries of Districts	
		D. Lots in Two (2) Districts	
		E. Municipal Exemptions	
SECTION	IV	Non-conforming Uses	
		A. Alteration, Extension or Change	
		B. Abandonment	
		C. Restoration	
		D. Special Permit	
SECTION	V	New Construction and Uses	
SECTION	VI	Use Regulations	
	A.	Agricultural-Recreation District	
		1. Uses Permitted	
		2. Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet	
		3. Minimum Frontage in Feet	
		4. Minimum Setback Requirements in Feet	
		5. Maximum Total Gross Coverage	
		6. Uses Permitted by Special Permit	
		7. Uses NOT Permitted	
		8. Compliance with Wetlands Protection Act	
	B.	Residence A and Residence AA Districts	(10/2007)
		1. Uses Permitted	
		2. Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet	
		3. Minimum Frontage in Feet	
		4. Minimum Setback Requirements in Feet	
		5. Maximum Total Gross Coverage	
		6. Uses Permitted by Special Permit	
	C.	Residence B District	
		1. Uses Permitted	
		2. Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet	
		3. Minimum Frontage in Feet	
		4. Minimum Setback Requirements in Feet	
		5. Maximum Total Gross Coverage	
		6. Uses Permitted by Special Permit	

D. Business District

1. Uses Permitted Subject to Site Plan Approval
2. Minimum Lot Area
3. Minimum Frontage in Feet
4. Minimum Setback Requirements in Feet
5. Minimum Percent Building Coverage
6. Minimum Total Gross Coverage
7. Uses Permitted by Special Permit

E. Commercial – Industrial District

1. Uses Permitted Subject to Site Plan Approval
2. Thresholds
3. Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet
4. Minimum Frontage in Feet
5. Minimum Setback Requirements in Feet
6. Maximum Total Gross Coverage
7. Uses Permitted by Special Permit
8. Conditions of Approval
 - a. Building Construction
 - b. Odor, Dust and Smoke
 - c. Noise
 - d. Heat, Glare, Vibration and Radiation
 - e. Exterior Lighting
 - f. Storage
 - g. Waste Disposal and Water Supply
 - h. Screening, Surfacing, Parking and Signs

F. Aquifer and Well Protection District

1. Definitions Pertaining to Aquifer and Well Protection District
2. Establishment of Districts
3. Use Regulations
4. Establishment of Low Salt Road Area
5. District Boundaries
6. Special Permit Granting Authority
7. Special Permit Applications and Review Procedures
8. Special Permit Criteria
9. Submittals
10. Non-conforming Use

G. Floodplain District

(5/2013)

1. Statutory Authorization and Review Purpose
2. Purpose of the Floodplain District
3. Floodplain District Boundaries and Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data
4. Notification of Watercourse Alteration
5. Definitions
6. Flood Insurance Study

- 7. Compliance
- 8. General Standards
- 9. Specific Standards for Subdivision Proposals
- 10. Specific Standards for Floodways
- H. Flexible Zoning By-law/Special District (10/1998)**
 - 1. Uses Permitted
 - 2. Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet
 - 3. Minimum Frontage in Feet
 - 4. Minimum Setback Requirements in Feet
 - 5. Maximum Total Gross Coverage
- I. Flexible Zone Special Overlay District (10/1998)**
- J. Adult Entertainment District (05/2000)**
 - 1. Authority
 - 2. Purpose
 - 3. Adult Entertainment Overlay District
 - 4. Definitions
 - 5. Adult Entertainment Uses by Special Permit Criteria
 - 6. Conditions
 - 7. Expiration
 - 8. Severability
- K. Adult Communities (10/2001)**
 - 1. Adult Retirement Village (ARV)
 - A. Applicability
 - B. Purpose
 - C. General Standards
 - D. Site Development Standards
 - E. Special Permit Procedures
 - 2. Assisted Living Facility (ALF)
 - A. General Standards
 - B. Other Requirements
- L. Special Requirements for Medical Marijuana Facilities (5/2014)**
 - 1. Purposes
 - 2. Applicability
 - 3. Definitions
 - 4. Eligible Locations for Marijuana Facilities
 - 5. General Requirements and Conditions for all Medical Marijuana Facilities
 - 6. Special Permit Requirements
 - 7. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use
- M. (Left blank intentionally) (05/2017)**
- N. Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (05/2017)**

SECTION VII Development of Sites and Location of Buildings and Structures

A. Height Regulation

- B. Area, Frontage, Yard and Floor Area Requirements (05/2017)
- C. Accessory Building (10/2015)
 - D. Off-Street Parking & Loading Areas
 - 1. Requirements for Off-Street Parking and Loading Areas
 - 2. Design of Off-Street parking and Loading Spaces
 - E. Permitted and Prohibited Signs (10/2017)
 - F. Signs Requiring Sign Site Plan Review (10/2017)
 - G. Sign Site Plan Review (10/2004)
 - H. Travel Trailer, Motor Home, Mobile Home or Camper (10/2002)
 - I. Earth Removal
 - J. Buffer Areas
 - K. Multiple Principal Structures on a Single Lot
 - L. Personal Wireless Service Facilities (10/1998)
 - 1. Purpose and Intent
 - 2. Scope
 - 3. District Regulations
 - 4. Use Regulations
 - 5. Location
 - 6. Dimensional Requirements
 - a. Height, General
 - b. Height, Existing Structures
 - c. Height, Existing Structure, (Utility)
 - d. Height, Commercial – Industrial Zoning Districts
 - e. Setbacks
 - 7. Special Permit Regulations
 - 8. Design Standards
 - a. Visibility/Camouflage
 - b. Camouflage by Existing Buildings or Structures
 - c. Color
 - d. Equipment Shelters
 - e. Lighting and Signs
 - f. Historic Buildings and Districts
 - g. Scenic Landscapes and Vistas
 - 9. Environmental Standards
 - 10. Safety Standards
 - 11. Special Permit Granting Authority
 - 12. Application Filing Requirements
 - a. General Filing Requirements
 - b. Location Filing Requirements
 - c. Siting Filing Requirements
 - d. Design Filing Requirements
 - e. Noise Filing Requirements
 - f. Radio Frequency Radiation Filing Requirements
 - g. Federal Environmental Filing Requirements

- h. Waiver of Filing Requirements
- i. Co-location
- j. Modifications
- k. Monitoring and Maintenance
- l. Abandonment or Discontinuance of Use
- m. Reconstruction or Replacement of Existing Towers and Monopoles

SECTION VIII

ADMINISTRATION

- A. Building Permits
- B. Occupancy Permits
- C. Violations and Enforcement
- D. Special Permits
 - 1. Special Permit Granting Authority
 - 2. Public Hearings
 - 3. Criteria
 - 4. Development Plan
 - 5. Conditions
 - 6. Expiration
- E. Planning Board Associate Member (05/2013)

SECTION IX

BOARD OF APPEALS

- A. Establishment
- B. Powers
- C. Public Hearings
- D. Rules of the Board

SECTION X

AMENDMENT

SECTION XI

VALIDITY

SECTION XII

DETERMINATION OF ADEQUATE ACCESS

(10/2007)

- A. Purpose
- B. Building Permit
- C. Application for Adequate Access
 - 1. Submittal Requirements
 - 2. Planning Board Procedure
 - 3. Review Standards
 - 4. Decision
 - a. Positive Determination
 - b. Negative Determination
- D. Improvements to Private Ways
 - 1. Submittal Requirements
 - 2. Public Hearing Requirements
 - 3. Review Standards

- a. Pavement Width
 - b. Drainage
 - c. Tapering
 - d. Comments
 - e. Waivers
- 4. Decision
 - 5. Completion of Improvements

Table of Dimensional Requirements

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on its behalf, to petition the General Court to repeal Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1986 and submit for passage of a new special law substantially as provided below. The Legislature may make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the Legislature. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

An Act Providing for the Recall of Elected Officials in the Town of Hanson.

SECTION 1. Chapter 214 of the acts of 1986 is hereby repealed.

Section 2 - Recall of Elected Officials

(a) **Reasons for Recall** - Any holder of an elected office in the Town of Hanson who has held an elected town wide office, and whose term of office extends beyond the next annual town election, may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the Town, as herein provided, for reasons of: (1) conviction of a felony or conviction of the following misdemeanors as defined by Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment, while presently in office; or (2) admission to facts, while presently in office, sufficient to be convicted of a felony or sufficient to be convicted of the following misdemeanors as defined in Massachusetts General Laws: domestic violence, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the illegal manufacture, distribution or dispensing of controlled substances, assault or criminal harassment; or (3) was found in violation of the conflict of interest law (M.G.L. c 268A), while presently in office, as determined by the State Ethics Commission or the Attorney General; (4) attended less than fifty (50%) percent of the posted public meetings of the board or office of which the official was an elected member or to which he/she has been elected or appointed as part of his/her elected position during the previous twelve (12) months; (5) lack of fitness, insobriety while performing official functions, involuntary commitment to a mental health facility, being placed under guardianship or conservatorship by a probate court; or (6) corruption, conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, conviction of bribery, or extortion or (7) violation of law, regulation, bylaw or other abdication of the applicable requirements for the elected position. The elected official's vote on a matter (other than in connection with a conflict of interest violation referenced above) shall not be grounds for a recall petition.

(b) **Notice of Intent to Recall** - One hundred fifty (150) or more registered voters of the Town of Hanson, with a minimum of twenty five (25) registered voters from each precinct, may make and file a Notice of Intent with the Town Clerk bearing the name of the elected official sought to be recalled, and a statement of the specific grounds for the recall as established by Section (a) above, with information sufficient to support the specific grounds for recall, at least one hundred seventy (170) days before the next annual town election. Upon certification of the required signatures by the Registrar of Voters and a determination that the Notice of Intent contains information sufficient to support the specific reason(s) and events for the recall as confirmed by Town Counsel, within five (5) business days, the Clerk shall forthwith deliver to the first named voter on the Notice of Intent, the petition forms, addressed to the Board of Selectman, requesting a recall. The petition forms shall be issued under the signature and official seal of the Town. They shall be dated and shall contain the names of the first ten (10) registered voters whose names appear on the grounds for the recall as stated in the Notice of Intent to recall. In addition, the petition shall request the election of a successor to the office. A copy of the petition form shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition forms shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the signed petition forms or the next business day after the 60th day if said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, with signatures, names and street precincts. The Town Clerk shall, within three (3) business days following the day of the filing with the office of the Town Clerk, submit the recall petition forms to the Registrar of Voters. The Registrars shall, within fifteen (15) business days after the date of receipt, certify in writing to the Town Clerk thereon, the number of signatures which are names of registered voters in Hanson.

(c) **Recall Petitions** - In order to be found sufficient the recall petition forms to be certified by the Registrar of Voters must contain at least ten per cent (10%) of Hanson's registered voters including at least 100 registered voters from each of Hanson's three (3) Precincts as of the date of the most recent Town election. Upon such certification, the petition shall be filed by the Town Clerk with the Board of Selectmen within two (2) business days. The selectmen shall give notice following their next scheduled meeting, in writing, to the elected official whose recall is sought by sending that elected official a copy of the certified recall petition.

If the elected official to whom the recall is directed by the Board of Selectmen does not resign the office within five (5) business days from the date of notice, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith order an election to be held on the date of the next town election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this Act, but only ballots for the new candidates shall be counted.

(d) An elected official whose recall is sought may not be a candidate to succeed him or herself in the recall election. The nomination of candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the election shall be in accordance with the state and local laws relative to elections, unless otherwise provided in this Act.

(e) The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his/her office until the recall election, unless the elected official resigns his/her position. If the incumbent is not recalled, he/she shall remain in office for the remainder of his/her unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided by this Act. If recalled in the recall election, he/she shall be considered removed upon the qualification of the successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term.

(f) Ballots used in a recall petition shall contain the following propositions in the order indicated:

“For the recall of (name of elected official) who holds the position of (elected office)”

“Against the recall of (name of official) who holds the position of (elected office)”

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a designated space for voters to vote for either of the propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word “Candidates and directions to voters required by Section 42 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, and beneath this, the names of the candidates nominated, listed alphabetically, as herein provided. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of the recall are in favor of the recall, the elected official shall be recalled and the ballots for candidates shall be counted. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If the majority of the votes cast are in the negative, the ballots for candidates need not be counted unless the incumbent official has resigned previously or a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered pursuant to Section (c) above.

(g) A recall petition shall not be filed against an elected official within six (6) months after she/he has taken office, unless the elected official has been reelected to another consecutive term in office, then a recall petition may be filed within three (3) months after taking office on the re-election vote; nor, in the case of an elected official subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby until at least six (6) months have elapsed after the election at which the recall was submitted to the voters of the Town and further provided that an elected official cannot be subject to a subsequent recall petition for the same specific reason(s) and events that were the basis of any prior recall petition.

(h) A person who has been recalled from office, or who has resigned from office after the recall petition has been certified by the Registrar of Voters, shall not be appointed to any town office, board or committee within two (2) years after the recall or resignation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan

Second: Donald Howard

VOTED Aye 80, Nay 50 to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on its behalf, to petition the General Court to repeal Chapter 214 of the Acts of 1986 and submit for passage of a new special law substantially as provided below. The Legislature may make clerical or editorial changes in form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the Legislature. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition as printed in the warrant with two friendly amendments made by the proponent. (b) Notice of Intent to Recall – First sentence currently in the warrant: to be removed “at least one hundred seventy (170) day” replaced with the following: “Within a reasonable time determined by the Town Clerk” (c) Recall Petitions second paragraph, end of the first sentence, current in the warrant: to be removed “on the date of the next town election.” Replaced with the following: “within a reasonable time, but no earlier than forty-five (45) days from the Town Clerk’s certification of the petition.”

ARTICLE 33: 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 Housing Authority for five years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, two Constables for three 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, two Water Commissioner for three years.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Elizabeth Sloan

SEE: Town Election, May 19, 2018.

VOTED Aye, voice at 10:35PM to recess until Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gymnasium of the Hanson Middle School to take up Article 33 and to dissolve the meeting upon the closing of the polls.

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

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