

**Town Meeting Informational Warrant
&
Budget Recommendations**

MAY 4, 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Hanson Middle School – 7:30 p.m.

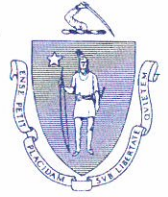


**Prepared by the Town Administrator and Executive Assistant
at the direction of the Board of Selectmen**



Town of Hanson

Board of Selectmen



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April 30, 2015

To the Voters at the Hanson May **ANNUAL** Town Meeting:

The enclosed is an informational copy of the warrant for the May 4, 2015 **ANNUAL** Town Meeting for your convenience during the Town Meeting.

This informational warrant provides you with the most current information on each article, including explanations and recommendations. I hope that this will assist you during the meeting.

The legal warrant was posted on the 16th of April 2015, by the Constable of the Town of Hanson, in accordance with state law.

Cordially,

Ron San Angelo,
Town Administrator

Town Meeting

PLYMOUTH, SS.

**To either of the Constables of the Town of Hanson, in the County of Plymouth
GREETINGS,**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hanson, qualified to vote in Town affairs, and elections, to meet in the Auditorium of the Middle School (off Liberty Street), in said Hanson on Monday the **Fourth day of May, 2015** at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the articles in this warrant and furthermore to meet in the Maquan School Auditorium and Cafeteria, on School Street, in said Hanson on Saturday, the **Sixteenth of May, 2015** at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for Town Officials as stipulated in **Article 32** of this warrant.

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 **2014** Town Report. To hear the report of the Maquan School Building Committee

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2016 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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*

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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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

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:

	FY15	FY16
Town Clerk	\$62,714.00	\$64,595.00
Tree Warden	\$2,851.00	\$2,936.00

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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

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, Fund Balance Reserved for Reduction of Future Excluded Debt, and Election Fund Ch. 503, Acts of 1983 to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2016 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This article refers to the FY 2016 Annual Budget Lines

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend

TOWN OF HANSON

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General Fund - Fiscal Year 2016

Line #		FY2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 BUDGET	Fiscal Year 2016			Funding source(s)
				Department Requested	Selectmen Approved	Finance Comm Recommended	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:							
122	SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION						
1	Salaries	155,818	155,966	160,053	160,053	163,055	Taxation
2	Expenses	26,313	24,935	25,635	25,635	25,635	Taxation
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE						
3	Salaries	360	1,550	1,550	1,550	1,550	Taxation
4	Expenses	176	450	400	450	450	Taxation
5	Reserve Fund (budget)	65,000	86,187	75,000	75,000	75,000	Taxation
135	ACCOUNTANT						
6	Salaries	86,249	95,133	112,230	107,095	107,095	Taxation
7	Expenses	1,419	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	Taxation
8	Audit	27,000	35,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	Taxation
141	ASSESSORS						
9	Salaries	129,612	137,188	147,640	137,959	137,656	Taxation
10	Expenses	6,963	7,350	7,250	7,250	7,250	Taxation
145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR						
11	Salaries	171,442	175,333	180,288	180,288	179,940	Taxation
12	Expenses	6,289	6,800	7,200	7,200	7,200	Taxation
13	MWPAT Admin Expenses	9,115	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	MWPAT Title V Interest
151	LEGAL SERVICES						
14	Expenses	112,426	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	Taxation
155	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
15	Expenses	108,639	116,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	Taxation
161	TOWN CLERK						
16	Salaries	99,472	102,974	105,860	105,860	105,549	Taxation
17	Expenses	3,461	3,920	3,945	3,945	3,945	Taxation

Line #		Fiscal Year 2016				Funding source(s)
		FY2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 BUDGET	Department Requested	Selectmen Approved	Finance Comm Recommended
162	ELECTIONS					
18	Salaries	4,174	12,526	7,205	7,205	7,169
19	Expenses	6,984	11,241	8,967	8,967	8,967
20	Special Election Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
21	Salaries	5,405	7,929	7,505	7,505	7,177
22	Expenses	1,509	1,782	1,782	1,782	1,782
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
23	Salaries	54,915	56,440	57,955	57,955	57,657
24	Expenses	2,111	3,324	5,011	4,436	4,436
175	PLANNING BOARD					
25	Salaries	58,450	61,656	63,296	63,296	62,998
26	Expenses	2,542	4,350	4,950	4,550	4,550
176	APPEALS BOARD					
27	Salaries	31,996	32,599	33,379	33,379	33,379
28	Expenses	446	720	720	720	720
180	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES					
29	Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
190	POSTAGE					
30	Expenses	23,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
192	MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS					
31	Salaries	47,917	49,245	50,393	50,393	50,393
32	Expenses	20,150	13,350	13,125	13,125	13,125
196	UTILITIES					
33	Expenses	99,470	94,300	97,855	109,145	109,145
Subtotal, GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,368,823	1,479,848	1,502,794	1,498,343	1,499,423
				1.55%	1.25%	1.32%

Line #

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Line #	FY2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 BUDGET	Fiscal Year 2016			Funding source(s)
			Department Requested	Selectmen Approved	Finance Comm Recommended	
210 POLICE						
34 Salaries	1,623,558	1,750,746	1,797,566	1,797,566	1,796,387	Taxation
35 Expenses	165,682	147,430	163,960	164,210	164,210	Taxation
36 Capital Outlay	83,225	66,860	121,000	121,000	121,000	Taxation
215 COMMUNICATIONS						
37 Salaries	298,131	341,198	345,880	345,880	345,880	Taxation
38 Expenses	20,198	35,550	35,550	35,550	35,550	Taxation
220 FIRE & AMBULANCE						
39 Salaries	1,464,563	1,546,741	1,675,760	1,607,276	1,606,727	\$1,369,776 Taxation \$237,500 Ambulance Fund
40 Expenses	172,238	187,069	175,353	170,853	175,353	\$145,853 Taxation \$25,000 Ambulance Fund
41 Capital Outlay	46,890	-	-	-	-	Taxation
241 BUILDING INSPECTION						
42 Salaries	71,086	76,657	78,828	78,828	78,662	Taxation
43 Expenses	6,847	5,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	Taxation
242 GAS INSPECTION						
44 Salaries	4,579	4,479	5,746	5,746	5,718	Taxation
45 Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	
243 PLUMBING INSPECTION						
46 Salaries	4,042	4,266	5,528	5,528	5,501	Taxation
47 Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	
244 WEIGHTS & MEASURES						
48 Salaries	3,090	3,183	3,263	3,263	3,247	Taxation
49 Expenses	258	400	400	400	400	Taxation
245 WIRING INSPECTION						
50 Salaries	16,920	17,062	17,489	17,489	17,404	Taxation
51 Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	

Funding source(s)

Line #

Fiscal Year 2016

Line #		FY2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 BUDGET	Fiscal Year 2016			Funding source(s)
				Department Requested	Selectmen Approved	Finance Comm Recommended	
292	ANIMAL CONTROL						
52	Salaries	27,518	28,069	28,771	28,771	28,630	Taxation
53	Expenses	3,746	2,670	2,870	2,870	2,870	Taxation
294	TREE WARDEN						
54	Salaries	2,768	2,824	2,894	2,894	2,881	Taxation
55	Expenses	5,887	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	Taxation
	Subtotal, PUBLIC SAFETY	4,021,226	4,225,204	4,472,858	4,400,124	4,402,420	
				5.86%	4.14%	4.19%	
	EDUCATION:						
300	WHITMAN-HANSON REGIONAL						
56	Operating Assessment	7,224,087	7,324,961	7,634,154	7,524,572	7,524,572	Taxation
57	Transportation Assessment	89,377	91,817	98,607	98,607	98,607	Taxation
58	Debt Assessment	432,037	628,531	392,264	392,264	392,264	Taxation
59	SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL TECH	792,774	773,615	847,339	847,339	847,339	Taxation
60	NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL	169,217	244,440	265,000	254,034	254,034	Taxation
	Subtotal, EDUCATION	8,707,492	9,063,364	9,237,364	9,116,816	9,116,816	
				1.92%	0.59%	0.59%	
	PUBLIC WORKS:						
410	ENGINEERING						
61	Expenses	1,312	13,000	13,000	13,000	8,500	Taxation
420	HIGHWAY						
62	Salaries	392,844	428,290	443,278	435,704	435,363	Taxation
63	Expenses	105,419	106,500	149,982	142,982	142,982	Taxation
64	Snow & Ice	663,853	177,050	200,000	250,000	250,000	Taxation
65	Street Sweeping	30,996	26,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	Taxation
424	TOWN-WIDE FUEL						
66	Expenses	126,668	140,000	135,000	135,000	135,000	Taxation
430	SOLID WASTE						
67	Salaries	86,640	-	-	-	-	
68	Expenses	164,669	-	-	-	-	
	Subtotal, PUBLIC WORKS	1,572,401	890,840	976,260	1,011,686	1,006,845	
				9.59%	13.57%	13.02%	

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HUMAN SERVICES:**511 BOARD OF HEALTH**

69 Salaries
70 Expenses
71 VNA Services

541 COUNCIL ON AGING

72 Salaries
73 Expenses
74 VNA Services

543 VETERANS

75 Salaries
76 Expenses
77 Assistance

544 CARE OF SOLDIERS GRAVES

78 Expenses

Subtotal, HUMAN SERVICES**CULTURE & RECREATION:****610 LIBRARY**

79 Salaries
80 Expenses

630 RECREATION

81 Salaries

650 PARK & FIELDS

82 Expenses

692 PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE COMM**Subtotal, CULTURE & RECREATION****Fiscal Year 2016**

Line #	FY2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 BUDGET	Fiscal Year 2016			Funding source(s)
			Department Requested	Selectmen Approved	Finance Comm Recommended	
69	87,637	91,877	93,731	94,142	93,873	Taxation
70	4,301	6,360	7,235	6,610	7,235	Taxation
71	252	250	1,440	5,000	5,280	Taxation
72	49,628	50,621	71,560	71,560	71,307	Taxation
73	7,174	9,250	9,100	9,100	9,100	Taxation
74	4,410	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	Taxation
75	13,970	14,250	20,908	17,861	17,861	Taxation
76	1,231	2,700	2,800	2,100	2,100	Taxation
77	36,705	42,500	42,500	47,500	47,500	Taxation
78	1,500	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	Taxation
Subtotal, HUMAN SERVICES			258,074	262,673	263,056	
			13.99%	16.02%	16.19%	
79	228,599	244,957	254,050	252,550	251,794	Taxation
80	100,591	115,698	113,193	123,863	123,863	Taxation
81	28,550	-	-	-	-	Taxation
82	9,970	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Taxation
83	1,980	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	Taxation
Subtotal, CULTURE & RECREATION			379,243	388,413	387,657	
			1.77%	4.23%	4.03%	

Fiscal Year 2016

Line #	FY2014 ACTUAL	FY2015 BUDGET	Department Requested	Selectmen Approved	Finance Comm Recommended	Funding source(s)
FIXED COSTS:						
84	502,717	503,130	510,000	510,000	510,000	\$395,000 Taxation \$115,000 MWPAT Rcpts Reserved
85	159,368	145,526	129,545	129,545	129,545	\$125,307 Taxation \$4238 Debt Premium Reserved
86	1,109,316	1,167,985	1,287,561	1,287,561	1,287,561	Taxation
87	19,870	25,000	29,700	29,700	29,700	Taxation
88	1,349,918	1,480,000	1,584,127	1,584,127	1,584,127	Taxation
89	241,719	278,100	278,000	278,000	278,000	Taxation
Subtotal, FIXED COSTS			3,818,933	3,818,933	3,818,933	
SUB TOTAL			\$ 20,645,526	\$ 20,496,988	\$ 20,495,150	
			3.97%	3.22%	3.21%	
WATER:						
90	381,580	403,933	418,394	418,394	418,394	Water Revenue
91	260,527	349,450	381,800	381,800	381,800	Water Revenue
92	205,021	246,053	244,365	244,365	244,365	Water Revenue
93	133,250	164,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	Water Revenue
Subtotal, WATER			1,194,559	1,194,559	1,194,559	
			2.68%	2.68%	2.68%	
TOTAL - ALL BUDGETS			\$ 21,840,085	\$ 21,691,547	\$ 21,689,709	
			3.89%	3.19%	3.18%	

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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2016, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues

Item	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$260,000
Retained Earnings	\$ 18,000
Taxation	<u>\$ 41,356</u>
Total Budgeted Revenues:	\$319,356

Estimated Expenses

Item	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$157,356	\$125,000 Program Revenue \$ 32,356 Taxation
Expenses	\$153,000	\$135,000 Program Revenue \$ 18,000 Retained Earnings
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 9,000</u>	Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$319,356	

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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend*

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 2016, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ .

Estimated Revenues

Item	Amount
Program Receipts (fees)	\$255,250
Taxation	<u>\$110,701</u>

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Total Budgeted Revenues: \$365,951

Estimated Expenses

Item	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$112,025	\$35,000 Program Revenue \$77,025 Taxation
Expenses	\$220,250	Program Revenue
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 33,676</u>	Taxation
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$365,951	

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: The total cost of operating the Transfer Station is \$365,951. A portion of the Salaries \$77,025 and expenses \$33,676 will come from general taxation. The balance of expenses \$255,250 will be paid through the Enterprise Fund.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 3 – 1 Not to Recommend

ARTICLE 8: 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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds \$176,000 to various department Capital Accounts for the following items or take any other action in relation thereto.

Line	Dept.	Item	FY16 CIP Report	Town Admin. Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Schools	Replace Fire alarm & smoke detectors at Indian Head & Middle Schools	\$80,000		\$40,000 Free Cash \$40,000 Taxation
2	Selectmen	Paving for upper Town Hall Parking lot	\$40,000		Free Cash
3	Fire	Paving Fire Parking Lot	\$56,000		Free Cash
4	Highway	Front End Loader	\$168,000		Free Cash
5	Highway	New Ford F150	\$45,000		Free Cash

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee &
Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Item 1 -The fire detection devices are reaching the end of life (15 Years). This appropriation will replace all field devices and fire alarm panels in the Indian Head and Hanson Middle Schools. Item 2 - Repaving of the upper Town Hall parking lot is necessary due to the installation of new front stairs. Item 3 - Repaving of the Fire Department parking lot has been on the capital improvement plan for several years and is in serious need of repair. Item 4 Front end load and Item 5 Ford F150 are included in the article if funding permits

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

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ARTICLE 10: To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to replace the Roof at the Library Senior Center or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.
Library Director and Director of Elder Affairs

Explanation: The roof has been leaking at the library/senior center on and off since 2006 requiring period repairs. During this past winter, there were as many 15 different leaks in the library, one in the main entry way and 3 in the senior center. The roof needs to be replaced.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 4 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 1 to Recommend

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from Free Cash for the purpose of making the first annual payment of a three (3) year annual lease to purchase payment plan for two (2) police cruisers or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: The article will fund the first year of a three year lease to purchase plan for two (2) Police Department Cruisers. Cost \$70,000.00

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Not to Recommend
(Funded in budget)

ARTICLE 12: 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 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

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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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from **Fiscal Year 2016 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 2016, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 10,000

Reserves:

From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Historic Resource Reserve	\$21,000
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$21,000
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$21,000
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$137,000

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.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from the Historical Resources Community Preservation Fund to be used to repair the rafters and the floors in the town-owned Bonney House located on High Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: This is the third step in a five step process to bring the Bonney House back to a viable state such that the Hanson Historical Society's records and artifacts can be safely stored in a weather-tight, climate-controlled and structurally sound building. Once completed, the Bonney House will be open to the public.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Historic Resources Community Preservation Fund and \$50,000 from Undesignated Community Preservation Fund Balance for the repair of the cabins located on the north end of Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: The cabins on the north end of Camp Kiwanee are in a state of disrepair. This prevents the full utilization and enjoyment of the property by Hanson residents and the renting public. Restoration of these cabins will improve the overall aesthetic appeal of the entire camp. In addition, it will increase the number of sites that can be rented and allow Camp Kiwanee to explore additional revenue opportunities.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 3 – 2 to Recommend

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to replace the Hot Water Heater at the Indian Head School or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

Explanation: The hot water unit at Indian Head School is unreliable for delivery of hot water. It would replace the PVI unit in the basement with a high efficiency hot water system. It will be a wall mounted, tankless Rinnai water heater. The Indian Head hot water heater, installed in 1998, continues to be unreliable. If this PVI hot water heater fails, the Indian Head School will be without hot water. There is no back up water heater. Estimated cost: \$24,000

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to repair and/or replace windows at the Maquan School or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

Explanation: Remove the existing (2) windows on second floor at back of the building and replace. Remove existing caulking and re-caulk the exterior of (11) openings. To remove (10) vent covers and install new vents (supplied by district). There have been several attempts to stop leaks when there is a high wind rain storm through the masonry and awning type windows installed in 1989. Estimated cost: \$11,788

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to repair the roof at the Maquan School to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

Explanation: To tear off the existing roof of approximately 4" tar and gravel roof over the gym and cafeteria and replace with new PVC roof system with 4 " of insulation. This will address the replacement of the existing tar and gravel roof over the gym and cafeteria that is original to the school 1966. Estimated cost: \$266,000

Recommendations: *Board of Selectman Voted 5 – 0 to HOLD*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 Not to Recommend

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ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authority for \$64,555.00, which constitutes the balance that is not going to be borrowed for the Woodbine Avenue Extension water main project; Article #18 of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board Water Commissioners

Explanation: The Woodbine Avenue Extension water main project cost less than expected.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$900,000, to supplement the amounts appropriated to Article #14 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting; to provide additional funds for the tank rehabilitation project; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: The two tank bids received exceeded what the Town had appropriated in the May 5, 2014 Annual town meeting; therefore the project will need to be re-bid. Requires two thirds vote.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 3 – 2 to Recommend

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus, \$52,000 to purchase and equip an asphalt patch box or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board Water Commissioners

EXPLANATION: This patch box will allow the water department and the highway department to repair roads efficiently.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

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ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from water surplus, \$75,000 to be added to Article 16, Water Meters of the October 6, 1997 Special Town Meeting, for the purpose of buying new water meters and related equipment for the Water Department; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This meter replacement is the continuing program designed to maintain accurate reading records. This will allow the department to purchase 300 water meters and MXU's.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from water surplus for engineering for water exploration; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: The water department is starting to explore another new water source for the town. Currently; the town has only one source off Main Street (Crystal Spring Wellsite) which consists of four wells. The Town explored different sites in the 1990's with D.E. P.'s approval; however; none of those sites were developed. It's time the town explore for another new source.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$1,300,000.00 for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This will allow the water department to replace old water mains; eliminate bleeders on dead ends streets; for better water quality. Requires two thirds vote

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will pursuant to M.G.L. c.71, §16(d) approve or disapprove the debt authorization voted by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District in the amount of \$633,500 for the purpose of purchasing and upgrading computers in the Hanson elementary and middle schools and Hanson's portion of the Regional High School or take any action relative thereto.

Proposed by the School Committee

Explanation: The desktop computers in the school district are currently 10 years old. This appropriation will upgrade all the existing computers to provide students and staff with greater capabilities and a better user experience for 21st century learning. Estimated cost: \$633,500

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote contingent upon the passage of a ballot question, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition to adopt special legislation in a form suitable to achieve the purpose of authorizing certain borrowing for capital costs for regional schools located in the Town of Hanson, in a form substantially as follows:

***AN ACT REGARDING BORROWING FOR CAPITAL COSTS FOR
REGIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE TOWN OF HANSON***

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in the General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hanson is a member of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hanson is bound by both the terms of a certain Regional School Agreement by and between the member Towns, and the procedures regarding borrowing to pay for capital costs, including, without limitation, the procedures of Section 16(d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hanson seeks to ensure that borrowing for capital costs for Regional Schools located wholly in the Town of Hanson is approved by the Hanson Town Meeting in a manner that is similar to borrowing for other capital projects within the Town of Hanson.

SECTION 2

NOW THEREFORE, Notwithstanding any provision of applicable law, and without waiver of any of the requirements of Chapter 71 of the General Laws,

as the same may apply to the incurring of debt for Regional Schools, no debt shall be incurred for capital costs attributable to regional school buildings located in the Town of Hanson unless and until the amount of the proposed debt has been specifically approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at an Annual or Special Town Meeting of the Town of Hanson.

SECTION 3

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: If passed by the voters at the May 16, 2015 Town Election and the Legislature, this act will require a two-thirds vote for all borrowing for capital costs for Regional school projects in the Town of Hanson.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 3 – 1 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 4 – 1 Not to Recommend

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation amending Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2012, an Act Relative to the Position of Highway Surveyor in the Town of Hanson by allowing the Selectmen to enter into an employment contract with such Highway Surveyor the term of which shall not exceed three years.

Said Legislation to read as follows:

An Act Amending Chapter 389 of the Acts of 2012, An Act Relative to the Position of Highway Surveyor in the Town of Hanson

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Hanson Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

The following sentence shall be added to the end of Section 1 of said Special Act:

The Selectmen shall be permitted to enter into an employment contract with such Highway Surveyor, the term of which shall not exceed three years.

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or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The amendment to the Special Act will give the Board of Selectmen the ability to contract with Highway Surveyor.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, which shall be kept separate and apart from other monies by the Treasurer, and which shall be deposited receipts received that may be spent only from those sources identified below under “Source of Funds” without further appropriation during Fiscal Year 2016 and as identified below under “Use of Funds”, and shall be expended under the direction of those so indicated. Said annual amount expended from each revolving account shall not exceed the amount indicated below under “Annual Expenditure”

Source of Funds	Use of Funds	Expended Under Direction of:	FY 16 Limit
<i>Assessors</i> Counter Sales of Maps	Purchase and Maintenance of maps including GIS	Board of Assessors	\$1,500
<i>Parks & Fields</i> Recycling, rental fees Repair reimbursement & Donations	Park & Field Maintenance and equipment	Parks & Fields	\$10,000
<i>Library</i> Fines, Fees and Copier Charges	Library Operations, Copier Purchase, maintenance, Repair & supplies. Printer Supplies. Replacement of Lost or damaged books	Board of Library	\$7,000
<i>Senior Center</i> Events, programs and Education Seminars	Senior Center Operations Events, programs, Seminars Training & Reimbursements	Director of Elder Affairs	\$2,500
<i>Senior Center</i> Program Fees	Supportive Day Care Program	Director of Elder Affairs	\$95,000

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<i>Conservation Comm.</i> Wetlands Fees	Engineering, Surveying Legal & Environmental Consulting	Conservation Commission	\$7,500
<i>Nathaniel Thomas Mill</i> Rental Fees	Maintenance & Repairs of building and grounds	Conservation	\$1,500

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: There are the annual revolving accounts which have been consolidated into one article to streamline the warrant process.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 29: To see if the town will vote to increase the Board of Health's elected Board from 3 to 5. Having a 5 member board would create more transparency, and help foster public trust in the department due to questionable actions of past and present 3 members boards or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Petition Article
Helen M.Vess and 23 others

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 Not to Recommend

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to remove Hanson Elementary and Hanson Middle Schools from Whitman Hanson Regional School District or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Petition Article
Jeffrey McNeil and 17 others

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 Not to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5 – 0 Not to Recommend

ARTICLE 31: To see if the town of Hanson will vote A NON BINDING REFERENDUM to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Whitman Hanson Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA. Math, Science/Technology, History/Social Science and associated testing known as MCAS. Or take any other action in relation thereto.

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"WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has had the highest educational standards in the country for decades because of effective policy handled by local school boards with input from parents; and

WHEREAS: Education is most effectively handled at the local level, where parents can have direct control over school curriculum and policy; and

WHEREAS: The federal government's takeover of education, known as "Common Core", threatens parental control over their children's education"¹ as noted below:

"The Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is a set of national K-12 standards developed primarily by a nonprofit called Achieve, Inc., in Washington, D.C. under the auspices of the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The Common Core was developed without state legislative authority."²

By linking Race-to-the-Top grant funds to the implementation of Common Core State Standards "and linking the Common Core to No Child Left Behind waivers, the federal government is acting as the "enforcer" to herd states into the "one-size-fits- all" Common Core in spite of the fact that three federal laws"² (*The Department of Education Organizational Act, established in 1979, Section 103b; The General Education Provisions Act; and The Elementary and Secondary Act, first enacted in 1965*) "prohibit the federal government from guiding the educational curriculum of the states. Not only the U.S. Constitution, but also state constitutions maintain that education is a power reserved to the states and their citizens. Yet, state legislatures or state school boards cannot change the Common Core."²

"Taxpayers pay hundreds of billions in state and local taxes per year for K-12 education. Yet, the Common Core guarantees taxpayers and parents NO VOICE in math and English content standards of their states and thus no control over what children will learn in these subjects. In fact, most states agreed to implement the Common Core before the standards were even released, all without state legislative approval or even public hearings."²

"The Common Core ensures that the states build expensive high-tech systems that will track student performance and other personal data and provide that information to the federal government. The unfunded mandates associated with the Common Core are open-ended in areas such as professional development, new textbooks and instructional materials, testing, and data-tracking systems. A recent study shows implementation will cost \$16 billion or more nationwide, with about 90 percent of this paid for by states and local districts, despite the \$4.35 billion Race to the Top grants. The Common Core fuels a money pot of tax dollars going to pre-selected vendors."²

THEREFORE: We reject the use of the Common Core State Standards and the associated testing known as PARCC (Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) which stifles academic freedom and achievement, and return control over education to the local school district of Whitman and Hanson, Massachusetts. We choose to use the Pre 2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, Science/Technology, and History/Social Science and associated testing, known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts' education number one in the nation, and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

1. Educate through local control petition

<http://throughlocalcontrol.wix.com/educatetlc#!petition/c24vq>

2. www.stopcommoncore.com

Proposed by Petition Article

Michael McLeod and 24 Others

Executive Summary: This is a NON BINDING ARTICLE to authorize the town to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Whitman Hanson Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, Science/Technology, History/Social Science and associated testing known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts' education number one in the nation and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 5 – 0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 3 – 2 Not to Recommend

ARTICLE 32: To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, two Constables for three years, Trustees of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one member of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, and two Water Commissioners for three years and one Water Commissioner for one year and two questions.

Question 1 Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay its allocable share of the bond issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for the purpose of purchasing new computers Hanson Schools and Hanson's portion of the Regional High School including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto ?

Yes ____

No ____

Question 2 Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to file with the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a petition to adopt special legislation in a form suitable to achieve the purpose of authorizing certain borrowing for capital costs for regional schools located in the Town of Hanson, in a form substantially as shown below:

Yes _____ No _____

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SECTION 2

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SECTION 3

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall, the Fire Station, the public stores, and Post Offices, seven days at least, before the said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place above-mentioned.

Given under our hands, this 14th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Selectmen of Hanson

A true attest copy

Town Clerk

Date

Constable
