

Special Town Meeting
October 3, 2022

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 8:18PM in the auditorium of the Middle School with Lee Gamache and Antonio Santalucia appointed and sworn in as tellers.

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

The Moderator declared a lack of a quorum with only 88 registered voters in attendance. Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett made a motion to adjourn until Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:30pm at the Hanson Middle School, seconded by Joseph Weeks, vote 5-0.

Special Town Meeting
(second session)
November 9, 2022

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM in the auditorium of the Middle School with Robert Hayes and Robert O'Brien appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Town Counsel was Katherine 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 Carroll P. Gagnon, Ernest E. Jutras, Peter Muise, Richard "Chip" Muncey, Della Snow and Bill Strait. A quorum was declared present with 171 voters in attendance. The Moderator, Sean Kealy announced that he would be using Town Meeting Time as the guide for the Town Meeting.

The Moderator asked for a motion to request the Town Meeting allow the Moderator to declare 2/3 and 9/10 majority of a voice vote. Motion was made by Sean Kealy and 2nd by Robert Hayes.

Voted: Aye, voice to allow the Moderator to declare 2/3 and 9/10 majority of a voice vote.

Special Guest, Senator Michael Brady was recognized by the Moderator and asked to address the Town Meeting. Senator Brady spoke about the Landmark Rehabilitation money that was received and to be used to upgrade the historic Bonney House, Middle School soccer field and training services for the Hanson Fire Department.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for unpaid bills from the prior fiscal years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay prior fiscal year bills received after the close of the fiscal year. **Requires a 9/10 majority vote.**

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Robert Hayes

Unpaid Bill No.	Department	Vendor	Amount	Funding Source
1	IT	New Era Technology	\$350.00	Free Cash
2	IT	Amazon	\$ 860.12	Free Cash
3	Select Board	South Shore Health	\$645.00	Free Cash
4	Select Board	South Shore Health	\$280.00	Free Cash
5	Camp Kiwanee	Hanson Ace Hardware	\$43.64	Free Cash
6	Building Department	Building Inspector mileage	\$ 35.45	Free Cash
7	Select Board	First Student	\$7, 340.24	Free Cash
Total Appropriation			\$ 9,554.45	

VOTED Aye, voice declared 9/10 by moderator to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9,554.45 to pay unpaid bills from the prior fiscal years as printed in the Special Town Meeting Informational Warrant.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Personnel Bylaws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation, to adjust certain wages for certain positions, or take any other action relative thereto.

SECTION 11 A : PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/22</u>	<u>10/3/22</u>
A. Director of Elder Affairs	35,000 to 65,000	35,000 to 75,000
B. Town Accountant	45,000 to 75,000	45,000 to 75,000
Town Accountant – Part-Time hourly rate	24.00 to 41.00	24.00 to 41.00
C. Inspector of Buildings –Full-time Salary	51,700 to 72,350	51,700 to 75,000

Inspector of Buildings – Part-time hourly rate	35.00 to 45.00	35.00 to 45.00
D. Health Agent	40,000 to 70,000	40,000 to 70,000
E. Conservation Agent –Full Time	35,000 to 89,000	35,000 to 89,000
Conservation Agent – Part-time hourly rate	28.00 to 45.00	28.00 to 45.00
F. Library Director	70,000 to 90,000	70,000 to 90,000
G. Town Planner	45,000 to 80,000	45,000 to 90,000
H. Town Planner/Conservation Agent	45,000 to 75,000	45,000 to 75,000
I. Informational Technology Director	60,000 to 90,000	60,000 to 115,000
J. Recreation Director **	30,000 to 50,000	30,000 to 50,000
K. Grant Writer/ Procurement Administrator	50,000 to 70,000	50,000 to 70,000

SECTION 11 B: ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR FULL TIME

	<u>7/1/22</u>	<u>10/3/22</u>
A. Executive Assistant	17.00 to 32.00	17.00 to 34.00
B. Assistant to Police Chief	17.00 to 32.00	18.00 to 40.00
C. Veterans Agent ~ Annual salary	7,000 to 33,000	7,000 to 33,000
D. Reference Librarian	22.00 to 31.00	22.00 to 31.00
E. Youth Services Librarian	22.00 to 31.00	22.00 to 31.00
F. Animal Control Officer ~ Annual Salary	17,000 to 28,000	17,000 to 28,000
G. Van Drivers/Aide*	14.50 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
H. Social Day Care Coordinator*	14.50 to 21.00	15.00 to 21.00
I. Camp Kiwanee Caretaker**	14.50 to 20.00	15.00 to 25.00
J. Youth Services Associate	18.00 to 24.00	18.00 to 24.00
K. Public Buildings Custodian	18.00 to 24.00	18.00 to 24.00

SECTION 11 C: PART TIME POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/22</u>	<u>10/3/22</u>
A. Assistant Inspector of Building	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
B. Gas Inspector	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
C. Plumbing Inspector	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
D. Wiring Inspector	22.00 to 30.00	22.00 to 30.00
E. Civil Defense Director ~ Annual Salary	900 to 1,300 yr.	900 to 1,300 yr.
F. Police Matron	14.50 to 22.00	18.00 to 30.00
G. Outreach/Seniors*	14.50 to 22.00	15.00 to 22.00
H. Assistant Coordinator*	14.50 to 22.00	15.00 to 22.00
I. Volunteer Services Intergenerational Coordinator*	14.50 to 19.00	15.00 to 19.00
J. Senior Center Support Staff *	14.50 to 17.00	15.00 to 17.00
K. Back-up Van Driver*	14.50 to 15.00	15.00 to 17.00
L. Animal Inspector	1,000 to 1,600	1,000 to 1,600
M. Election Clerk	14.50 to 16.75	15.00 to 17.00
N. Election Officer	14.50 to 16.75	15.00 to 17.00
O. Election Warden	14.50 to 16.75	15.00 to 17.00
P. Registrar of Voters	14.50 to 16.75	15.00 to 17.00
Q. Assistant Caretaker**	14.50 to 25.00	15.00 to 25.00

R. Sealer of Weights & Measurers ~ Annual Salary	2,500 to 3,500 yr.	2,500 to 3,500 yr.
S. Milk Inspector	150 to 300 yr.	150 to 300 yr.
T. Assistant Veterans Agent	14.50 to 15.00	15.00 to 15.00
U. Committee Clerical/Administrative Support Staff	14.50 to 15.00	15.00 to 15.00
V. Emergency Clerical Labor	14.50 to 15.00	15.00 to 15.00
W. Transfer Station Attendant	15.00 to 21.00	15.00 to 21.00
X. <i>Camp Kiwanee Event Coordinator Part time Hourly Rate</i>	14.50 to 17.00	15.00 to 25.00
Y. Facilities Manager <i>Facilities Manager Part Time Hourly Rate</i>	20,000 to 45,000 N/A	20,000 to 45,000 15.00 to 25.00
Z. Public Buildings Custodian	18.00 to 24.00	18.00 to 24.00
AA. Assistant Health Agent	14.50 to 22.00	15.00 to 22.00
BB. Student Police Officer	20.00 to 35.00	25.00 to 40.00
CC. Part-time Police Officers/Special Police Officers	25.00 to 55.00	25.00 to 90.00
DD. Civilian Traffic Control Agent	N/A	25.00 to 90.00

SECTION 11 D: SEASONAL POSITIONS **

	<u>7/1/22</u>	<u>10/3/22</u>
A. Beach Director	14.50 to 20.00	15.00 to 25.00
B. Water Safety Instructor	14.50 to 16.00	15.00 to 25.00
C. Lifeguards	14.50 to 16.00	15.00 to 25.00
D. Boat Coordinator	14.50 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
E. Boating Instructor	14.50 to 20.00	15.00 to 20.00
F. Concession Worker	14.50 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
G. Recreation Assistant	14.50 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00
H. Security/Gate Attendants	14.50 to 16.00	15.00 to 16.00

*Positions are funded through the Multi-Service Senior Center's revolving account or grants

** Positions are funded through the Recreation Commission's Enterprise Fund.

SECTION 11 E: CALL FIREFIGHTERS/OFFICERS

Position	Start 10/3/22	10 yrs.	15 yrs.	20 yrs.	25 yrs.
Call Firefighter in training	\$16.00	0	0	0	0
Probationary Firefighter	\$18.00	0	0	0	0
Call Firefighter	\$22.00	+ 2%	+2%	+2%	+ 2%
Call Fire Lieutenant	\$24.00	+2 %	+ 2%	+ 2%	+ 2%

\$500.00 stipend will be paid in June of each fiscal year to those call firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an EMT recognized by the State and approved by the Fire Chief. Paramedics will receive a \$1,000.00 stipend

Proposed by the Select Board & Wage and Personnel Board

Explanation: The changes to the Compensation Plan are in ***bold italicized*** text. The changes include

- To reflect the minimum wage of \$15 per hour which becomes effective 1/1/23
- Creating a new position of Civilian Traffic Control Agent. There is a shortage of law enforcement officers currently in Massachusetts. The creation of Civilian Traffic Control Agents will allow us to meet public safety needs by supplementing our sworn law enforcement officers. The funding will come from fees paid by private parties. The Town will receive a 10 percent fee for the total off all billed hours.
- Increases have been made to the following positions to remain competitive in the market for police staffing: Assistant to the Police Chief, Police Matrons, Student Police Officers, Part-Time/Special Police Officers.
- The top rate for the Backup Bus Driver position, currently unfilled, had been previously raised to \$17 per hour, but was incorrectly reduced at a subsequent Town Meeting.
- The top rate for the Town Planner position had been previously raised to \$90,000 per year at the October, 2021 Town Meeting, but was incorrectly reduced at the May, 2022 Spring Town Meeting.
- Currently, the Library Custodian and Senior Center Custodian are part time positions, the Library and Senior Center are asking to combine the two positions into a full-time position. No further funding is required for this position.
- IT Director – The reclassification of these three positions are to keep the salaries in line with the market
- Building Commissioner- see above explanation
- COA Director- see above explanation

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the Wage and Personnel Bylaws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Sections 11A through 11E in its entirety and inserting the new Sections 11A through 11E as printed in the Informational Warrant.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to supplement appropriations previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2022 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 for various Town Departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Line Number	Budget Line Item	Budget Line Item	Amount	Purpose
1	Select Board	Salaries	\$ 2,485.00	New Executive Asst.
16	Technology	Salaries	\$ 14,220.00	IT Salary Reclassification
73	Veterans	Benefits Assistance	\$ 12,000.00	Additional Veterans Benefits
		TOTAL	\$ 28,705.00	

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to supplement a number of line items in the current fiscal year's budget (FY23) in order to fund a number of additional expenses. A detailed handout will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting outlining in detail these expenses.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate \$28,705.00 to supplement appropriations previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2022 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 for various Town Departments as printed in the Informational Warrant.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting to amend the approved Recreation Enterprise Fund budget for FY22 and to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the funding of the Recreational Enterprise Fund budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Estimated Revenues	FY 2023	FY 2023
Item	Original	Revised
Program Receipts (fees)	\$ 224,000	\$ 224,000
Retained Earnings	0	80,000
Taxation	0	0
Total Revenues	\$ 224,000	\$ 304,000

Estimated Expenses	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Item			
Salaries	\$ 117,000	\$ 126,700	\$ 117,000 Program Revenues 9,700 Retained Earnings
Expenses	75,500	148,800	75,500 Program Revenues

Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 31,500</u>	<u>\$ 31,500</u>	70,300 Retained Earnings
Total Expenses	\$ 224,000	\$ 304,000	Program Revenues

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

Explanation: These funds are needed to cover the current fiscal year expenses at Camp Kiwanee.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to amend Article 6 of the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting and amend the approved Recreation Enterprise Fund budget for FY22 and to transfer Ninety Thousand Dollars from the Recreational Commission retained earnings account to the FY2023 Recreation operating budget

Estimated Revenues	FY 2023	FY 2023
Item	Original	Revised
Program Receipts (fees)	\$ 224,000	\$ 224,000
Retained Earnings	0	90,000
Taxation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 224,000	\$ 314,000

Estimated Expenses	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$ 117,000	\$ 131,700	\$ 117,000 Program Revenues 14,700 Retained Earnings
Expenses	75,500	150,800	75,500 Program Revenues 75,300 Retained Earnings
Indirect Costs	<u>31,500</u>	<u>\$ 31,500</u>	Program Revenues
Total Expenses	\$ 224,000	\$ 314,000	

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7 of the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting to amend the approved Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget for FY22 and to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the funding of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Estimated Revenues	FY2023	FY 2023
Item	Original	Revised
Program Receipts (fees)	\$ 227,027	\$ 239,752
Retained Earnings	\$ 0	\$ 165,000
Taxation	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Revenues:	\$ 227,027	\$ 404,752

Estimated Expenses	Amount	Amount	Funding Source
Salaries	\$ 100,752	\$ 125,752	100,752 Program Revenues
			25,000 Retained Earnings
Expenses	\$ 126,275	\$ 229,000	139,000 Program Revenues
			90,000 Retained Earnings
Indirect Costs	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	Retained Earnings
Total Expenses:	\$ 227,027	\$ 404,752	

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: These funds are needed to cover the current fiscal year expenses at the Transfer Station.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to amend Article 7 of the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting to amend the approved Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget for FY22 and to transfer \$239,752 from Program Revenues and \$165,000 from Retained Earnings to supplement the funding of the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget, as printed in the Informational Warrant.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds to be expended for capital equipment and capital projects for various Town departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Line	Department	Item	Amount	Funding Source
1	Town Hall Library/ Senior Center	Security Cameras Installation	\$ 35,000 \$ 25,000	Free Cash Free Cash
2	Highway	Infra-Red Pavement Recycler Trailer	\$53,000	Free Cash
3	Highway	Ventrac Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sweeping Tractor with Brush Arm	\$83,000	Free Cash

Proposed by the Select Board and the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: These funds are needed to cover the cost of certain capital expenses, many of which were passed over at the May Annual Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Joseph O'Sullivan

Frank Milisi made a motion to amend to pass over line item #5, the motion failed.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer the following sums of money from Free Cash and ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to be expended for the following capital equipment and capital projects for various Town departments, as printed in the Informational Warrant:

Line	Department	Item	Amount	Funding Source
1	Library	Library and Senior Center HVAC replacement	\$200,000	ARPA
2	Fire Department	Fire Station Feasibility and Space Needs Study for the Fire Headquarters	\$100,000	ARPA
3	Highway	Ventrac Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sweeping Tractor with Brush Arm	\$83,000	Free Cash
4	Highway	Infra-Red Pavement Recycler Trailer	\$53,000	Free Cash
5	Town Hall Library/ Senior Center	Security Cameras Installation Wiring for Town Hall	\$ 35,000 \$ 25,000 \$ 25,400	Free Cash Free Cash Free Cash
6	Recreation Commission	Stormwater Management remediation	\$ 50,000	ARPA
7	Whitman Hanson Regional School District	Security door/card access system – Hanson Middle School and Indian Head School	\$39,946.78	Free Cash
8	Library/Senior Center	Generator	\$ 85,000	ARPA
		Total Allocation	\$696,346.78	

Explanations:

Line 1– The Massachusetts Department of Public Health conducted an air quality assessment of the building in January 2022. Their report states that "despite ongoing maintenance and replacement of parts and components, many of the HVAC units are likely at or near the end of their service life. Efficient function of equipment of this age is difficult to maintain, since compatible replacement parts are often unavailable. The service life of these types of units is 15-20 years." Units are now over 30 years old. Proper functioning of the HVAC system is needed for the safety and comfort of visitors and staff, and for the Library to continue serving as a warming and cooling center for all residents

Line 2 – Fire Station Feasibility and Space Needs Study for the Fire Headquarters
These funds will be utilized to conduct a feasibility and space needs study for fire headquarters. Fire headquarters is 42 years old. This study will determine the needs of the department for the long term and define what steps should be taken to provide a building that is up to current building and fire codes, is OSHA compliant, and has adequate space for current and future staffing levels operational as well as administrative.

Line 3 - Ventrac Sidewalk Snow Removal and Sweeping Tractor with Brush Arm
The Highway Department removes snow on sidewalks along Routes 14, 27 and 58. These sidewalks are located in proximity to the Indian Head School, Hanson Middle School, Town Hall, Shaw's Plaza and the MBTA Station. Currently we have a 23 year old Trackless Machine that is scheduled for replacement in 2027. This piece of equipment is at the end of its service life and is prone to frequent breakdowns and servicing leaving no alternative to clear these sidewalks. This new tractor will provide a suitable alternative and allow for a faster response in clearing sidewalks, as it is a more agile machine. This machine can also sweep the sidewalks prior to street sweeping, as well as, cut roadside brush and clear drainage areas. It will extend the life of the Trackless vehicle as it is a much more expensive piece of equipment to replace. Approximately \$300,000.00 + attachments

Line 4 - Infra-Red Pavement Recycler Trailer
The Highway Department makes constant repairs to the town's roads and highways year round. Many of those repairs are related to damaged and deteriorating roadways from aging cracked asphalt and potholes. This machine will increase production and quality asphalt repairs in town. Currently these types of repairs can only be accomplished by contractors at a cost of \$3,800.00 - \$4,700.00 per day. When roadway repairs are accomplished with an Infra-Red Machine it rejuvenates the surrounding materials and produces a monolithic bond which will make the repair long lasting compared to a temporary patch. There are many roads town wide that are in need of repairs before they can be completely repaved due to monetary constraints for such work. (This Article was cut from May 2022 Special town Meeting due to budget constraints

Line 5– Security Cameras and Wiring for Town Hall
Cameras need to be added in various locations at the Town Hall and Library/Senior Center to ensure the safety of staff and visitors, particularly children and seniors at the Library/Senior

Center, and to help protect Town Hall and Library and Senior Center property from theft, damage, and vandalism.

Wiring for Town Hall –

Cable, terminate (70) dual 550mhz Cat6 CMR rated locations, first and second floors of Town Hall. This is needed to move over to new phone system for Town Hall. Also included is relocation of current IDF to utility closet. Install (1) new rack, wire management and Cat6 panels.

Line 6 - \$18,000 of the stormwater management funds will be used to produce a study for the corrosion at cranberry cove, the remaining funds will be used for any remediation that the study finds. Cranberry cove is a part of the historic Camp Kiwanee and needs to be preserved and restored. Funding for stormwater management is the first step in this process.

Line 7 – A recent catastrophic network outage experienced by the Whitman Hanson School District in July, 2022, the door/card access system throughout the district was severely impacted. The system is a vital component of school security. The funding is for the purchase and installation of a new replacement system to secure our school buildings.

Line 8 – The Generator is for the Library/Senior Center. In the event of power outages, the generator will allow the Library/Senior Center to remain open and operate as a heating or cooling center during said events.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to retain the services of a qualified Massachusetts registered engineering firm to conduct a roadway and drainage infrastructure study of Litchfield Lane and Proudfoot Way and prepare a report of the findings for submission to the Hanson Planning Board and Hanson Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation: These streets were accepted as public ways at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. Quitclaim deeds for the roadways and drainage easements were never obtained within the 120 days after the town meeting as required under Mass General Law Chapter 82, Section 24, thus voiding the approval of town meeting. Therefore, both Litchfield Lane and Proudfoot Way continue as private ways. Prior to proceeding with roadway acceptance process, the Planning Board is seeking information to determine the existing conditions of the roadway and drainage infrastructure.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$8,000.00 from Free Cash to retain the services of a qualified Massachusetts registered engineering firm to conduct a roadway and drainage infrastructure study of Litchfield Lane and Proudfoot Way and prepare a report of the findings for submission to the Hanson Planning Board and Hanson Select Board.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the demolition of the building at 1157 Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds will be utilized to demolish a town-owned building at 1157 Main Street. The building has reached the end of its useful life and has been deemed uninhabitable.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

The Fire Chief, Jerome Thompson explained that this demolition is for safety reasons when questioned why this was needed.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash for the demolition of the building at 1157 Main Street.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson Land Use Regulations Zoning By-laws by amending Section VI, subsection L, SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, to allow for delivery in industrial zones, or take any other action relative thereto.

By adding the following definitions, which language is underscored and italicized to subsection L. 3 Definitions:

Marijuana Courier – *shall mean an entity licensed to deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods directly to Consumers from a Marijuana Retailer, or directly to Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from an MTC, but is not authorized to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products directly to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers and is not authorized to*

Wholesale, Warehouse, Process, Repackage, or White Label. A Marijuana Courier is an additional license type under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002 or 500.050 and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b).

Marijuana Delivery Operator – shall mean an entity licensed to purchase at Wholesale and Warehouse Finished Marijuana Products acquired from a Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Microbusiness or Craft Marijuana Cooperative, and White Label, sell and deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Marijuana Branded Goods directly to Consumers, but is not authorized to Repackage Marijuana or Marijuana Products or operate a storefront under this license. A Delivery Operator is an additional license type under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002 or 500.050 and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b).

By amending the definition of Marijuana Establishment in subsection L. 3 Definitions: by adding the language, which is underscored and italicized as follows:

Marijuana Establishment - shall mean a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer, marijuana courier, marijuana delivery operator, 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.

By amending the eligible locations of Marijuana Establishment in subsection L. 4 Eligible Locations for Medical Marijuana Facilities and Marijuana Establishments: by adding the language, which is underscored and italicized, and by deleting the language which is show with a strikethrough, as follows:

Marijuana Retailers shall be prohibited in the Town of Hanson.

Medical Marijuana Facilities and 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 Assessor's Map 59 Lots 17-3, 17-4, 17-5, 17-6, ~~17-7, 17-8, 17-A-H, 17-A-H, 17-10, 17-11, 17-12, 17-13, 17-13A-H~~, 17-13A-H, 17-13A-H Assessor's Map 52 Lot 17-16 ~~and Assessor's Map 24 Lot 70~~ as depicted on the most current Assessor's Maps prepared by CAI Technologies revised to January 1, 2020 ~~a plan entitled Proposed 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.L.~~

~~Medical Marijuana Facilities and Marijuana Establishments, expressly excluding Marijuana Retailers, may be allowed by Special Permit from the Town of Hanson Board of Selectmen~~

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: The Select Board believes that there was significant confusion at the last Town Meeting given the number of warrant articles related to cannabis. This article will allow the siting of a delivery operation in the Town and thereby generate income for the Town. Delivery Operators are subject to the 3% local sales tax and are NOT permitted under this license to operate a brick and mortar retail store. The aforementioned lots are located in the Hanson Industrial Park.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 9.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money to replenish the Conservation Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: The Conservation Fund supports the Commission's efforts to carry out its care and custody responsibilities for open space and recreation areas. These efforts include trail building and maintenance; provision of signage, notices, and other information; property enhancements, such as mowing, invasive vegetation removal, and site cleanup; wildlife habitat and stream improvements; removal of encroachments; establishment of bounds and survey recordings; and equipment rental as necessary to support these activities.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$40,000 from Free Cash to replenish the Conservation Fund.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to place the properties identified as Assessors Map 106, Lots 7 and 10-1, and Assessors Map 98, Lots 10, 11, 12, and 15 into the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for open space protection under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: The Little Cedar Swamp is an important wetland resource that provides stormwater storage, treatment, and aquifer recharge, as well as wildlife habitat. It is one of the headwaters of Indian Head Brook and River, and as such is part of a cold water fishery, one of the few in Southeastern Massachusetts. The parcels identified in the article are currently Town owned and not developable. Together with adjacent parcels already under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, they make up approximately 75 percent of the Little Cedar Swamp. Article 97 protection will ensure that this resource is protected for the foreseeable future.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

Phil Clemons gave a little history and explained what the importance of this property is to the wetlands in the Town of Hanson.

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator that the Town place the properties identified as Assessors Map 106, Lots 7 and 10-1, and Assessors Map 98, Lots 10, 11, 12, and 15 into the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for open space protection under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to add 16 hours per week to fund full-time status, 35 hours per week, for the Conservation Agent, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

Explanation: The Conservation Agent is currently authorized for 19 hours per week and is the only Department Head with part-time status. The Agent's workload warrants full time.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

Phil Clemons spoke in favor to increase the Conservation Agent to full-time and how important it is to the Conservation Department. Kathy Marini asked why the Finance Committee did not

recommend this Article and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Michael Dugan expressed that it was strictly on a financial basis and not fiscally responsible to use Free Cash for an operating budget because it is not sustainable.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer the sum of \$17,659.20 from Free Cash to fund an additional 16 hours per week for the Conservation Agent position making the position full-time status at 35 hours per week.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to be added to the Selectmen's budget to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's office for 15 hours per week, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: The funds will help secure a part-time clerical position for the Selectmen's office to assist with the daily operations of the office.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

Town Administrator, Lisa Green spoke on how much this position is needed in the Select Board Office and that it would be combined with the 20 hour part-time position in the Planning Board Office to make a full-time employee. The Finance Committee Chairman, Michael Dugan spoke against the position because it is deficit spending and there is not enough revenue.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer the sum of \$22,034 from Free Cash to be added to the Selectmen's budget to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's office for 15 hours per week.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Town-wide Fuel account which covers all town vehicles (including police and fire) gas and oil, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Director

Explanation: Due to the present drastic increase in fuel costs and equipment parts relative to gas and oil, this account is underfunded. There is also a State Mandate for Vapor Recovery Fuel System Upgrade Requirements that need to be completed by January, 2023 of approximately \$6,000.00.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to the Town-wide Fuel account which covers all town vehicles (including police and fire) gas and oil.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds for Town-wide Stormwater Management and MS4 Permit related items, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Director

Explanation: This money will be used for engineering, mapping, inspections, testing, screening, and surveying required for compliance with the Town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$74,000.00 from Free Cash for Town-wide Stormwater Management and MS4 Permit related items.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available sources to the Town-wide retention pond cleaning fund on public owned property, in conjunction and adhering to the Town's stormwater and drainage MS4 compliance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Director

Explanation: Due to the condition of the retention ponds they must be professionally cleaned and cleared of debris to help restore their functionality. The scope of this work would include the clearing of three (3) retention ponds located on town drainage easements.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$25,000.00 from Free Cash to the Town-wide retention pond cleaning fund to be expended on retention ponds located on public owned property, in conjunction and adhering to the Town's stormwater and drainage MS4 compliance.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Recreation Commission to the Camp Kiwanee Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

Explanation: The Commission believes this name change will better reflect the tasks, duties, and responsibilities of the Commission.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

The Recreation Commission Chairman, Frank Milisi explained that the name change was needed because the Recreation Commission is only responsible for Camp Kiwanee and not town wide recreational sports.

VOTED Aye, voice to change the name of the Recreation Commission to the Camp Kiwanee Commission.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Hanson with gender neutral wording. Specifically, by deleting the words "Board of Selectmen" and inserting in its place the words "Select Board" wherever those words appear; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: “Select Board” is a term that simply and fully represents the people and the world that we live in today.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Hanson with gender neutral wording. Specifically, by deleting the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in its place the words “Select Board” wherever those words appear.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 2-11 Section 1 of the Capital Improvement Committee General Bylaw’s of Hanson by changing the committee size from 7 citizens at large to 5 citizens at large with two non-voting alternates. The strikethrough would be removed and the underlined italics would replace the strikethrough.

“The Select Board shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Committee composed of ~~seven~~ five citizens at large, and two alternate citizens at large, three to serve 1 year, two to serve 2 years and two to serve 3 years and each thereafter for three years. The Town Administrator, Assessor/Appraiser, Town Accountant and the Treasurer/Collector shall serve as non-voting members. The committee shall choose its own officers. (10/07)”

Explanation: Changing the committee size would make it easier for this important committee to achieve a quorum.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

The Capital Improvement Committee Chairman, Frank Milisi, explained that the Committee has been having a hard time getting a quorum with the seven members and having the Committee reduced to five members would help with that issue.

VOTED Aye voice, to amend Article 2-11 Section 1 of the Capital Improvement Committee General Bylaw's of Hanson by changing the committee size from 7 citizens at large to 5 citizens at large with two non-voting alternates, as printed in the Informational Warrant.

Motion to reconsider Article 19 was made by Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Second by Joseph Weeks, Voted Aye voice, to Reconsider Article 19.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye voice, to amend Article 2-11 Section 1 of the Capital Improvement Committee General Bylaw's of Hanson by changing the committee size from 7 citizens at large to 5 citizens at large with two alternates.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 2-11 Section 2 of the Capital Improvement Committee General Bylaw's of Hanson by changing the limit for capital improvement expenses to have a useful life of five years instead of the ten years listed. The strikethrough would be removed and the underlined italics would replace the strikethrough.

“Sec. 2.The Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which 1) are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years; 2) have a useful life at least ~~ten~~ *five* years; and, 3) cost over \$35,000. In order that the Town 1) coordinate development of a capital improvement budget with the operating budget of the current year, and 2) develop a capital program including the subsequent 5 years, all officers, boards, and committees including the Selectmen and the Regional School Committee shall, by a date specified annually by the Capital Improvement Committee, prepare for the committee information concerning all anticipated capital improvement projects requiring Town Meeting action for the period specified. No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board, or commission unless the proposed capital improvement is considered in the committee report. However, in order to allow consideration of a project reflecting an extraordinary circumstance which must be addressed before the formulation of the next year's capital program, a department, board or committee may submit a proposal to the Capital Improvement Committee for consideration. The Committee must then submit a report to the Finance Committee and the Select Board with a satisfactory explanation why the proposal was not considered by the Capital Improvement Committee at a time when it could be included in the committee's report. Each of the boards and committees must vote that the proposed project meets the extraordinary circumstance issue. (5/2015)”

Explanation: Changing the time threshold would give more transparency of capital expenses to the citizens of Hanson.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to amend Article 2-11 Section 2 of the Capital Improvement Committee General Bylaw's of Hanson by changing the limit for capital improvement expenses to have a useful life of five years instead of the ten years listed, as printed in the Informational Warrant.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 1-1 of the General Bylaw's of Hanson by allowing Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to begin at 6:30PM EST. The strikethrough would be removed and the underlined italics would replace the strikethrough.

“Sec. 1 A. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in May at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The primary purpose of this meeting shall be to deal with all financial matters of the Town including revisions of the Classification and Compensation By-Law, if necessary. The election of Town Officers and the voting upon questions as required by General or Special Law shall be held on the third Saturday in May. The hours for the opening and the closing of the polls shall be left to the discretion of the Select Board. (07/2020)

Sec. 1 B. The Select Board shall call one Special Town Meeting annually on the first Monday in October at ~~7:30~~ 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon for the primary purpose of considering General By-Law and Zoning By-Law changes and other matters where financial considerations are not involved.”

Explanation: Changing the meeting time would allow for residents of Hanson to have better access to the Town Meeting. Many of our elderly residents do not feel comfortable driving late into the evening, and many of our younger residents have a difficult time securing accommodations for their children.

Proposed by the Select Board

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

Motion: Sean Kealy

Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to amend Article 1-1 of the General Bylaw's of Hanson by allowing Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to begin at 6:30PM, as printed in the Informational Warrant.

ARTICLE 22 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum a sum of money from Free Cash for the purposes of purchasing and installing street signs for private ways, said installation to take place on the public way where it meets with the private way, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: There are a number of private ways that do not possess sufficient street signs denoting the location.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye 75, Nay 66, to transfer the sum of \$8,928.50 from Free Cash for the purposes of purchasing and installing street signs for private ways, said installation to take place on the public way where it meets with the private way.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: These funds 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.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from free cash the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 24: 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: This Stabilization Fund sets aside funds for the exclusive use of paying for capital improvements to the Hanson School Buildings and the Whitman Hanson Regional High School.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$20,000 from free cash to be added to the Regional Schools Capital Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Select Board

Explanation: The Town is liable for an employee’s postemployment benefits, other than pensions (referred to as other postemployment benefits or OPEB), such as retiree health insurance. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) recommends that the funds accrue in the period of an active employee rather than the future cash flow/liability at retirement.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Sean Kealy
Second: Robert Hayes

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from free cash a sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Trust.

Motion: Sean Kealy, Second: Robert Hayes

Voted Aye, voice to adjourned sine die the meeting at 8:40 PM

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

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