

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

## **Special Town Meeting - May 20, 1991**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 20, 1991

Moderator Michael J. Regan called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M. in the Memorial Auditorium, Indian Head School.

Tellers appointed and sworn: Sheila Ward, William Ward and Joseph Wessling.

Town Counsel was Everett Marder from the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

The chair declares a quorum of 200 to be present.

Voted unanimously to waive the reading of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-12, Section 12, by deleting Subsection 12C, d. Election Clerk and in its place insert the following:

	7/1/90	7/1/91
d. Election Clerk	5.45 hr.	5.66 hr.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: To correct a typographical error in the warrant of the March 1991 Special Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimously to amend the General Bylaws Article 2-12 Section 12 by deleting Subsection 12C, line d. Election Clerk and in its place insert d. Election Clerk as printed in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for replacing the heating plant at and making extraordinary repairs to the Indian Head School; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Hanson School Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimously to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$102,000.00 for a capital outlay exclusion for the purpose of replacing the heating plant at the Indian Head School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1991.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept chapter 275 of the Mass. General Laws, Acts of 1990 authorizing the Trustees of Memorial Field to establish a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance, repair, and/or the construction of new facilities at Memorial Field. Receipts credited to the revolving account shall be in the form of user fees and/or donations or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Memorial Field Trustees

Board of Selectmen recommend

VOTED Aye, unanimously to establish a revolving fund authorized by Chapter 275 of the Acts of 1990, to be under the control of the Memorial Field Trustees for the purpose of maintenance, repair of existing facilities and/or the construction of new facilities at the Memorial Field. Receipts credited to this revolving fund shall be in the form of user fees at the Memorial Field and/or donations for the above mentioned purposes. In the forthcoming fiscal year expenditures from this revolving fund shall not exceed five thousand dollars. (\$5,000.00)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 5 line 4 Group Insurance of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting a sum of money for cost of eminent domain proceedings and to complete engineering for the Rte. 58 project or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$10,000.00 from Article 5, Line 4, Group Insurance of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting for the cost of eminent domain proceedings and to complete engineering for the Rte. 58 project.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,000 from Article 5, Line 126, Expenses of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 125, Other Salaries and Wages of the 1990 Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimously to transfer \$2,000.00 from Article 5, Line 126, Expenses of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 125, Other Salaries and Wages of the 1990 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to return to the Capital Improvement Fund, \$887.02 from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 10, Police Cruisers, \$204.11 from the 1989 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12, Fire Department Communications Systems, \$.51 from 1986 Annual Town Meeting, Article 10, Highway Drainage, and \$137.00 from the May 1989 Special Town Meeting, Article 10, Camp Kiwanee Heating System, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimously to return to the Capital Improvement Fund \$887.02 from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 10, Police Cruisers, \$204.11 from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12, Fire Department Communications Systems, \$.51 from 1986 Annual Town Meeting Article 10, Highway Drainage, \$137.00 from the 1989 Special Town Meeting Article 10, Camp Kiwanee Heating System.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund \$6,000.00 for the Police Department Breathalyzer or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police and the Capital  
Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimously to transfer \$6,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a breathalyzer for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash, or from the Capital Improvement Fund, or from the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 4, Group Insurance, a sum of money for the needed roof repairs at Thomas Hall or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the Capital  
Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$1000.00 from Article 5, Line 4, Group Insurance of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting and \$7000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the needed roof repair at Thomas Hall.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$ 2150 from Article 5 Line 4 Group Insurance of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5 Line 54 Executive Secretary Salary or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This represents a 5% salary increase retroactive back to July 1990 after renegotiating the contract.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Nay, voice to transfer \$2150.00 from Article 5, Line 4 Group Insurance of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 54, Executive Secretary Salary and Wages.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer a sum of money from Article 5 line 23 Other Salaries & Training of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5 Line 22 Police Other Salaries & Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief and the  
Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee has no recommendation.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$12,392.26 from Article 5, Line 23 Police Other Salaries and Training of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5. Line 22 Police Other Salaries and Wages.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5 Line 121 Conservation Agents Salary of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Line 51 Selectmen Other Salaries and Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation This represents a negotiated settlement with the Clerical Union of an employee working out of grade for almost one year.

VOTED Aye 84, Nay 114 (motion defeated) to transfer \$1500.00 from Article 5, Line 121 Conservation Agent Salary of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 51, Selectmen Other Salary and Wages.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to Article 5 Line 7 of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends to pass over.

VOTED Aye, voice to pass over.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-12 Section 12, by deleting Section 12F and in its place inserting a new Section 12F as Follows:

Sec 12F CALL FIRE FIGHTERS/OFFICERS

Positions	Emergency Tours	Drills	Private Details
1ST Year Call Fire Fighters	\$ 9.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 14.25
1ST Year Call Fire Fighter/E.M.T.s	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 14.25

2ND Year Fire Fighters	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 15.00
2ND Year Fire Fighter/E.M.T.s	\$ 10.50	\$ 9.50	\$ 15.75
Call Lieutenant	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 16.50

A \$ 500 stipend will be paid in June of each Fiscal Year to those Call Firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an E.M.T. recognized by the State and approved by the Chief. or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen  
acting as Wage and Personnel Board

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye 88, Nay 81 (motion successful) to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-12, Section 12, by deleting Section 12F and inserting a new Section 12F as printed in the Warrant and Corrected.

Sec 12F CALL FIRE FIGHTER/OFFICERS

Positions	Emergency Tours	Drills	Private Details and Insurance Costs Recovery
1ST Year Call Fire Fighters	\$9.50	\$8.50	\$14.25
1ST Year Call Fire Fighters/E.M.T.s	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$14.25
2ND Year Call Fire Fighters	\$10.00	\$9.00	\$15.00
2ND Year Call Fire Fighter/E.M.T.s	\$10.50	\$9.50	\$15.75
Call Lieutenant	\$11.00	\$10.00	\$16.50
Call Lieutenant/E.M.T.	\$11.50	\$10.50	\$17.25

A \$500 stipend will be paid in June of each Fiscal Year to those Call Firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an E.M.T. recognized by the State and approved by the Chief

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Ambulance Fund a sum of money to pay for the first installment of the new Town Ambulance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

VOTED Aye, voice to table until after action on Article 16.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available free cash or from Article 5, Line 6, Unemployment or from Article 5, Line 32, Highway Salaries & Wages of the May 1990 Annual Town Meeting a sum of money to test two (2) ten thousand (10,000) gallon fuel tanks and remove one (1) three thousand (3,000) gallon, one (1) one thousand

(1,000) gallon fuel tanks and to purchase one (1) new fuel pump for the Town Gasoline as required by Sate Law or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief & Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Article 5, Line 32, Highway Salaries & Wages of the May Annual 1990 Town Meting the sum of \$4,000.00 to test (2) two (10,000) ten thousand gallon fuel tanks and move (1) one (1,000) one thousand and (1) one (3,000) three thousand gallon fuel tanks and to purchase (1) one new fuel pump for Town Gasoline.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the Town Ambulance Fund to establish, equip and pay for an Advanced Life Support Training Program for the Hanson Fire Department or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Nay, voice to transfer \$14,585 from the Town Ambulance Fund to establish, equip and pay for an Advanced Life Support Training Program for the Hanson Fire Department.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Town Ambulance Fund a sum of money to pay for the first installment of the new Town Ambulance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

VOTED Aye voice to pass over.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a small parcel of land known as Lot 15 in the Town of Hanson Industrial Park to the abutting owner or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation This 4999 sq. ft. piece of land is landlocked and has been maintained and exists in the middle of the abutting property. The Board has been requested to transfer this parcel and place it back on the tax role. It will have no detrimental effect on the value of the remaining Industrial land known as lot 14.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to transfer a small parcel of land known as Lot 15 in the Town of Hanson Industrial Park to the abutting owner.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-1, by adding Section 15, as follows:

Section 15.

The Town of Hanson may deny any application for, or revoke or suspend any local license

or permit including renewals and transfers issued by any Board, Officer, Department for any person, corporation or business enterprise who has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charges. This bylaw shall provide that:

A. The Treasurer/Collector shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board. B.. The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing Authority from the Treasurer/Collector; provided however, that written notice is given to the party and the Treasurer/Collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Treasurer/Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the Licensing Authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial ;revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the Treasurer/Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

C. Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

D. The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one or Chapter two hundred and sixty-eight in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits; open burning; section thirteen of Chapter Forty-eight; Bicycle permits; Section Eleven A of Chapter Eighty-five; Sales of Articles for Charitable Purposes, Section Sixty-nine of Chapter One Hundred and Forty-nine; Clubs, Associations Dispensing Food or Beverage Licenses, Section Twenty-one E of Chapter One Hundred and Forty; Dog License, Section One Hundred and Thirty-seven of Chapter :One Hundred and Forty; Fishing Hunting, Trapping License, Section Twelve of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-one; Marriage Licenses, Section Twenty-eight of Chapter Two Hundred and Seven and Theatrical Events, Public Exhibition Permits, Section One Hundred and Eighty-one of Chapter one Hundred and Forty. (Sections are MGL)

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous as printed in the warrant.

The meeting was put on notice that Article 11 will be reconsidered.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to adjourn at 10:55 PM and reconvene on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM at the Memorial Auditorium, Indian Head School.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
(second session)  
May 21, 1991

Moderator Michael J. Regan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Tellers appointed and sworn: William Ward, Joseph Wessling and Timothy McGonagle.

Town counsel was Everett Marder from the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

The Chair declares a quorum of 100 to be present.

VOTED Aye 117, Nay 2 to reconsider Article 11.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 5, Line 121 Conservation Agents Salary of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Line 51 Selectmen Other Salaries and Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This represents a negotiated settlement with the Clerical Union of an employee working out of grade for almost one year.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$1500.00 from Article 5, Line 121 Conservation Agents Salary of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting to Article 5, Line 51 Selectmen Other Salary and Wages.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to dissolve the meeting at 7:44 PM.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Sandra E. Harris  
Town Clerk