

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

May 2010 Special Town Meeting

Special Town Meeting
May 3, 2010

Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:59 p.m. in the auditorium of the Middle school with Robert Hayes, Michael Glennon and William Clay appointed and sworn in to serve as tellers.

Town Counsel was John Goldrosen from the firm of Kopelman and Paige.

A quorum was present with 381 voters in attendance

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amounts appropriated in Article 5, Line 16, Engineering and Line 7, Town Insurance of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting and/or free cash and/or stabilization to pay unpaid bills from FY 2009 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the close of fiscal year 2009. Requires a 9/10 vote.
Approx. \$12,100.00

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$12,171.00 from the amounts appropriated in Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting to pay unpaid bills from Fiscal Year 2009.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or Stabilization a sum money to be added to the amount appropriated to Article 5, line 101 Police- Other Wages of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen
and Police Chief

Explanation: These monies are needed to fund an arbitration decision for the Police Union Contract for fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Approx. \$57,000

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$57,000.00 to be added to the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 101 Police Other Wages of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 18, Utilities and Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting and/or Free Cash and/or Stabilization to be added to the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 14, Legal Expense of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are needed to cover the Legal expense for the remainder of the fiscal year. Approx. \$52,000

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$10,000.00 from the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 18, Utilities of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting, \$20,000.00 from the amount appropriated in Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting and \$22,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 14, Legal Expense of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional School Assessment of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting to be added to Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds will replenish the amounts taken from Stabilization at the October 2009 Special Town Meeting to fund the repair of the Maquan School Roof. \$50,000

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000.00 from the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional School Assessment of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting to be added to Stabilization.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional School Assessment of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting to fund the removal of underground storage tanks at the Maquan School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Due to the conversion from oil heat to gas heat at the Maquan School, the underground storage tanks are no longer necessary and are required to be removed within 180 days of the conversion. Approx. \$12,000

Finance Committee holds on a recommendation.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$12,000.00 from the amount appropriated to Article 5, Line 113, Whitman Hanson Regional School Assessment of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting to fund the removal of underground storage tanks at the Maquan School.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote transfer \$12,300 from the ambulance account to be added to the amounts appropriated to Article 5, Line 108 Fire Department Expense of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds will be used to purchase an electronic patient care reporting system.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$12,300.00 from the ambulance account to be added to the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 108 Fire Department Expense.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote transfer a sum of money from the ambulance account to be added to the amounts appropriated in Article 5, Line 106 Firefighter Full-Time Wages of the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds are necessary to maintain current staffing levels for the remainder of the fiscal year. Approx.

\$10,000

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 7.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$239,072.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 303, Acts of 2008, for continuing State Aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: State aid chapter 90 monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road paving and reconstruction that have now become available from the Massachusetts Highway Department and must be expended.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$239,072.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 303, Acts of 2008, for continuing State Aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$37,600, from Article 8 of the May 2009 Special Town Meeting to Water Department Surplus, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This was grant money that has been reimbursed to the Water Department from DEP following the completion of the items funded by the grant: i.e. Water Audits, Leak Detection, and water meter testing. The original appropriation was funded from Water Surplus.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 9.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money from Water Surplus to supplement the funding of line 119 Debt & Interest of the FY2010 Water Department budget from the May 2009 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Explanation: This item will be acted on, only if the Water Department finds itself short of the Water Department Revenues necessary to fund the balance of its remaining FY 2010 Budgeted costs.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over Article 10.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or borrow from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitations all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29c of the General Laws or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health &
Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: We are seeking an additional \$500,000 from the trust for a fourth round of betterments. Requires a 2/3 vote, as it is borrowing.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye 335, Nay 3 (2/3,s majority achieved) to borrow from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitations all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29c of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and personnel By-Laws, 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 below:

SECTION 11 A: PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/09</u>	<u>7/1/10</u>
A. Director of Elder Affairs	35,000 to 55,000	35,000 to 55,000
B. Town Accountant	45,000 to 66,000	45,000 to 66,000
C. Treasurer/Collector	45,000 to 66,000	45,000 to 66,000
D. Inspectors of Building –Full-time Salary Inspector of Buildings – Part-time hourly rate	40,000 to 60,000 \$25.00 to \$32.00	20,000 to 60,000 \$25.00 to \$32.00
E. Health Agent	40,000 to 60,000	40,000 to 60,000

SECTION 11 B: ADMINSTRATIVE AND/OR FULL TIME

	<u>7/1/09</u>	<u>7/1/10</u>
A. Executive Assistant	18.00 to 25.75	18.00 to 25.75
B. Assistant to Police Chief	17.00 to 23.69	17.00 to 23.69
C. Veterans Agent	7,904 to 13,980 yr	7,904 to 13,980 yr
D. Reference Librarian	16.97 to 24.04	16.97 to 24.04
E. Youth Service Librarian	16.97 to 24.04	16.97 to 24.04
F. Animal Control Officer	12.95 to 16.49	17,000 to 27,000
G. Van Drivers/Aide	8.49 to 15.91	8.49 to 15.91
H. Social Day Care Coordinator*	14.85 to 18.54	14.85 to 19.09
I. Camp Kiwanee Caretaker**	597.02wk	13.00 to 18.00

SECTION 11 C: PART TIME POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/09</u>	<u>7/1/10</u>
A. Assistant Inspector of Building	13.79 to 20.66	13.79 to 20.66
B. Gas Inspector	13.79 to 20.66	13.79 to 20.66
C. Plumbing Inspector	13.79 to 20.66	13.79 to 20.66
D. Wiring Inspector	13.79 to 20.66	13.79 to 20.66
E. Civil Defense Director	988 to 1,252 yr	988 to 1,252 yr

F. Police Matron	8.79 to 12.33	8.79 to 12.33
G. Outreach/Seniors*	11.67 to 20.06	11.67 to 20.06
H. Assistant Coordinator*	8.49 to 15.06	8.49 to 15.06
I. Volunteer Services Intergenerational Coordinator*	10.08 to 16.95	10.08 to 16.95
J. Community Recreation Coordinator	10.67	10.67
K. Back-up Van Driver*	25.00 per day	8.00 to 10.00
L. Animal Inspector	1,088 to 1456	1,088 to 1456
M. Election Clerk	9.84 hr	9.84 hr
N. Election Officer	9.53 hr	9.53 hr
O. Election Warden	10.46 hr	10.46 hr
P. Registrar of Voters	8.52 to 12.01	8.52 to 12.01
Q. Assistant Caretaker**	8.49 to 17.02	8.49 to 17.02
R. Sealer of Weights & Measurers	3048.00 yr	3048.00 yr
S. Milk Inspector	148 to 202 yr	148 to 202 yr
T. Assistant Veterans Agent	10.20 to 14.47	10.20 to 14.47
U. Finance Comm. Secretary	9.14 to 12.63	9.14 to 12.63
V. Emergency Clerical Labor	9.14 to 12.63	9.14 to 12.63
W. Transfer Station Attendant	15.28 to 19.02	15.28 to 19.02
Y. Senior Center Support Staff	8.00 to 10.61	8.00 to 10.61

SECTION 11D: SEASONAL POSITIONS **

	<u>7/1/09</u>	<u>7/1/10</u>
A. Beach Director	14.20 hr	14.20 hr
B. Water Safety Instructor	11.64 hr	11.64 hr
C. Lifeguards	10.34 hr	10.34 hr
D. Boat Coordinator	9.39 hr	9.39 hr
E. Boating Instructor	17.05 hr	17.05 hr
F. Concession Worker	Fed. Min	Fed. Min
G. Recreation Assistant	Fed Min	Fed Min
H. Security	15.04 hr	15.04 hr

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

** Positions are funded through the Recreation Commission's revolving account.

SECTION 11E: CALL FIREFIGHTERS/OFFICERS

		<u>7/1/09</u>	<u>7/1/10</u>
First year Call Firefighters	Tours	15.94 hr	15.94 hr
	Drills	14.26 hr	14.26 hr
	Details	23.97 hr	23.97 hr
First year Call EMT	Tours	16.82 hr	16.82 hr
	Drills	15.09 hr	15.09 hr
	Details	23.95 hr	23.95 hr
Second year Call Firefighters	Tours	16.82 hr	16.82 hr
	Drills	15.09 hr	15.09 hr
	Details	23.95 hr	23.95 hr

Second year Call EMT	Tours	17.63 hr	17.63 hr
	Drills	16.05 hr	16.05 hr
	Details	26.57 hr	26.57 hr
Call Lieutenants	Tours	18.49 hr	18.49 hr
	Drills	16.82 hr	16.82hr
	Details	27.73 hr	27.73 hr
Call Lieutenants EMT	Tours	19.35 hr	19.35 hr
	Drills	17.63 hr	17.63 hr
	Details	28.99 hr	28.99 hr

\$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.

Explanation: This article is voted annually. With the exception of three positions, Animal Control Officer, Caretaker and Volunteer Van driver, all positions salaries and hourly rates will remain the same as FY 2010. The Animal Control officer has been a salaried position and has been adjusted to reflect a salary rather than an hourly position. They Caretaker position, as it is a vacant position, has been changed to an hourly position. The position of Back-up Van Driver has replaced the title of Volunteer Van Driver and adjusted to an hourly rate.

Finance Committee holds its recommendation.

VOTED Aye, voice Article 12 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to name the intersection of School St and Maquan in honor of PFC Belmiro Tavares USMC who was killed in action on October 2 1966 at the age of 19 under hostile conditions in South Vietnam or taken any other action in relation thereto.

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Proposed by the Memorial Day and Patriotic Observance Committee

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Explanation: Article is self-explanatory

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous to name the intersection of School St and Maquan in honor of PFC Belmiro Tavares USMC who was killed in action on October 2, 1966 at the age of 19 under hostile conditions in Quang Provence, South Vietnam.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the appropriation for acceptance of the cost, site, type, scope and timeline for the repair of the roof and window systems at the South Shore Vocational Technical High School as voted by the South Shore Regional Technical Vocational Technical School District School Committee on March17, 2010, and further provided that such approval is contingent upon anticipated reimbursement of eligible costs from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) of approximately fifty-two (52%) of the total cost of \$3,300,000.00, and that the proposed such project shall extend the useful life of the school and support the required education program, with said sum to be expended under the direction of the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the South Shore Regional School Committee is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; and that any project costs the South Shore Regional School District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the South Shore Regional School District; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the School Committee's vote shall be reduced by any grant amounts set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the South Shore Regional School District and the MSBA or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: South Shore Vocational Technical School Committee recommends the roof and window project.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye unanimous Article 14 as printed in the warrant.

Voted Aye, voice to dissolve the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

**Sandra E. Harris, CMC. CMMC
Town Clerk**