#### Special Town Meeting October 2, 2017

Moderator Sean J. Kealy called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM in the auditorium of the Middle School with Barbara Arena, John Norton and Joseph O'Sullivan 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 Marjorie Bates, Thomas Pepe, Peter Rioux, Roy Reimer, Evelyn Barr and Sylvia Redpath. The Moderator asked the Town Meeting to also remember the victims of the hurricanes that hit Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico as well as the shooting victims in Las Vegas.

A quorum was declared present with 111 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 the Moderator, Sean Kealy and  $2^{nd}$  by Joseph Campbell. **Voted: Aye, voice.** 

School Committee Chair, Robert Hayes informed the Town Meeting that the School Committee will be have a meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Whitman Hanson Regional High School library to ask for the voter's input on the new Regional School Agreement that they are working on.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or available funds to pay unpaid bills from Fiscal Year 2017 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** There are a few unpaid bills from various departments, which were received after the end of fiscal year 2017. *Requires a 9/10 vote*.

Item	Department	Vendor	Purpose	Amount
			Custodial	
1	Police	Hanson Hardware	Supplies	\$66.96
		Beth Isreal		
2	Fire	Deaconess	Meds	\$64.52
			Auto	
			Supplies &	
3	Fire	Auto Zone	Repairs	\$602.90
4	Conservation	Ben Meadows	Sign plates	\$30.96
		American Red	Lifeguard	
5	Recreation	Cross	supplies	\$2,204.15
		Total		\$2,969.49

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice declared 9/10 by moderator to transfer \$765.34 from Free Cash and \$2,204.15 from Recreation Retained Earnings to pay unpaid bills from previous Fiscal Years.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or raise and appropriate a sum of money to supplement appropriations previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2017 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 for various Town Departments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The purpose of this article is to supplement a number of line items in the current fiscal year's budget (FY18) 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.

Item	Budget Line #	Department	Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY18 Budget	Funding Source
		Dept. 141 -				
		Assessors				Taxation
1	10	Salaries	\$147,729	\$4,000	\$151,729	
		Dept. 145 -				
		Treasurer				Taxation
2	12	Salaries	\$186,037	\$4,283	\$190,037	
		Dept. 145 -				T i
	10	Treasurer	¢10 075	¢ 4 4 0 0 0	¢10.715	Taxation
3	13	Expense	\$10,275	\$440.00	\$10,715	
		Dept. 192 -				Transfirm
4	20	Public Bldgs -	¢20 225	\$24,000	\$62,225	Taxation
4	32	Expenses	\$28,225	\$34,000	\$62,225	Taxation
5	39	Dept. 220 – Fire, Salaries	\$1,699,259	\$53,590	\$1,752,849	Taxation
5	39	Dept. 244 -	\$1,099,239	\$33,390	\$1,732,049	
		Weights &				Taxation
6	46	Measures Salary	\$3,264	\$120	\$3,384	Taxation
0	+0	Dept. 420 -	ψ <i>3</i> ,20 <del>1</del>	ψ120	ψ3,30+	
		Highway				Taxation
7	59	Salaries	\$452,579	\$8,703	\$461,282	Tuxution
		Dept. 420 -	<i><i><i>ϕ</i> · · · <i>∠</i> , <i>c</i> / <i>i</i></i></i>	<i><i><i>q</i>0,00</i></i>	<i><i><i>ϕ</i>,<i>2</i></i></i>	Taxation
		Highway				
8	60	Expense	\$233,150	\$25,000	\$258,150	
		Dept. 511 -	·			Taxation
		Board of Health				
9	64	- Salaries	\$98,298	\$5,484	\$103,782	
		Dept. 154 -				Taxation
		Elder Affairs				
10	67	Salaries	\$75,088	\$5,000	\$80,088	
		Dept. 541 -				Taxation
		Elder Affairs				
11	68	Expense	\$9,100	\$1,600	\$10,700	
		Dept. 610 -		<b>A</b> + <b>A</b> = -	<b></b>	Taxation
12	74	Library Salaries	\$278,888	\$4,000	\$282,888	·
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13	75	Library Expense	\$133,263	\$8,000	\$141,263	
		Dept. 914 -				Taxation
14	02	Group Insurance	¢1 052 257	¢15.000	¢1 069 257	
14	82	- OPEB	\$1,853,357	\$15,000	\$1,868,357	
			Total	\$169,220		

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate from Taxation \$169,220.00 to supplement appropriations previously voted at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2017 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 for various Town Departments as printed in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund collective bargaining agreements with any one or more of the following employee organizations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017:

- 1. Hanson Municipal Employees, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700, Hanson Administrative Professionals Union
- 2. Hanson Police Dispatchers, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700, Hanson Police Dispatchers Union
- 3. Hanson Permanent Firefighter's Association, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Local 2713
- 4. Hanson Highway Employees, AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700, Hanson Highway Union
- 5. Hanson Police Officers, Hanson Police Relief Association/MassCop Local 408

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund collective bargaining agreements for positions in each of the contracts to be noted in the motion to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

1. VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for the purpose of funding a collective bargaining agreement with the Hanson Municipal Employees, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700, Hanson Administrative Professionals Union, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020.

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

2. VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,850.00 for the purpose of funding a collective bargaining agreement with the Hanson Police Relief Association/MassCop Local 408, Hanson Police Union, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**3.** VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,100.00 for the purpose of funding a collective bargaining agreement with the Hanson Police Dispatchers, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700, Hanson Police Dispatchers Union, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020.

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

4. VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,900.00 for the purpose of funding a collective bargaining agreement with the Hanson Permanent Firefighter's Association, A.F.L.-C.I.O., Local 2713, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020.

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

5. VOTED Aye, voice to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of funding a collective bargaining agreement with the Hanson Highway Employees, AFSCME Council 93, Local 1700, Hanson Highway Union, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9 of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Expense for FY18 as follows:

	Budgeted	Adjustment	<b>Revised FY18</b>
			Budget
Expenses	\$177,250	-\$50,000	\$127,250

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article to reduce the expense budget of the Transfer Station.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Arlene Dias Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to amend Article 9 of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Expense for FY18 as follows:

	Budgeted	Adjustment	<b>Revised FY18</b>
			Budget
Expenses	\$177,250	-\$50,000	\$127,250

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash or any available funding source to satisfy the Town's obligation in association with a Federal grant for a new fire department vehicle or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** The fire department received a federal grant in the amount of \$199,000 for a new forest fire vehicle. The Town will receive \$189,524 in Federal Funds and must provide \$9,476 for the purchase of this vehicle. Estimated \$9,476.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Jerry Thompson Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$9,476 from Free Cash to satisfy the Town's obligation in association with a Federal grant for a new fire department vehicle.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funding source a sum of money to be added to the amount appropriated in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 40 Fire Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This transfer is requested to cover the cost of a promotional process for a Deputy Chief and Lieutenant. Estimated \$10,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Jerry Thompson Second: Kenneth Mitchell

### **VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated in the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 40 Fire Expenses.

<u>ARTICLE 7:</u> To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 15 Line #1 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting to broaden the scope of the prospective purchase to include either Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles or the Town's matching share of a federal grant to replace all Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article which broadens the scope of the original article. The Fire Department has applied for a regional grant to replace all of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. This amendment will allow the Town to pay its share of the federal grant if successful or just purchase the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles if not successful.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Jerry Thompson Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to Passover Article 7.

**<u>ARTICLE 8:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of upgrading the current security management system at the Police Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** The current security management system is 10 years old. The hardware and software are outdated and have reached the end of their serviceable life. Estimated \$10,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Michael Casey Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of upgrading the current security management system at the Police Station.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for a backup and disaster recovery server and software for Town Hall or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The server is required for backup of the Town Hall computer system. Estimated \$25,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell Second: James McGahan

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$25,000 from Free Cash for a backup and disaster recovery server and software for Town Hall.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct a classification study for Administrative positions or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The Town has agreed with the Administrative Professionals Unions to undertake a reclassification of all union positions so as to insure proper placement and compensation. Estimated \$12,000

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Jim Hickey Second: Kenneth Mitchell

### **VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$12,000 from Free Cash to conduct a classification study for Administrative positions.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct a commercial appraisal of the Maquan Elementary School or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to determine the value of the school and assess the repair needs of the facility in order to fully determine the Town's use of the building. Estimated \$5,000

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye 59, Nay 39 to transfer \$6,500 from Free Cash to conduct a commercial appraisal of the Maquan Elementary School.

**<u>ARTICLE 12:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to support the proposed use of a portion of the former Plymouth County Hospital property as a Public Park as presented by the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee or take any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee

**Explanation:** This nonbinding question will validate current efforts by the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee in its efforts to seek development of a public park on said location.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Marianne Dimascio of the Final Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee gave a PowerPoint presentation of what the Committee has accomplished so far at the site and what the future site might look like.

## **VOTED** Aye, voice to support the planning and eventual creation of a municipal park on a portion of the former Plymouth County Hospital.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate as sum of money from the Undesignated Community Preservation Fund balance to provide engineering plans for various prospective uses at the former Plymouth County Hospital property or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee took no action in anticipation of passing over article.

Motion: Tom Hickey Second: Kenneth Mitchell

#### **VOTED** Aye, voice to Passover Article 13.

The Moderator was requested by the Highway Building Committee to take Article 15 out of order before Article 14 because if Article 15 was not funded then the Committee would have passed over on Article 14.

**<u>ARTICLE 15:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to develop final engineered plans of a new highway facility at Hawk Avenue or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Building Committee

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to develop final plans and determine the costs for relocating the Highway Facility to Hawks Avenue. Estimated \$463,000

Finance Committee does not recommend.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell Second: James McGahan

Architect, Dan Tenny from the Company of Weston and Sampson gave a presentation with an overview of the Hawks Ave site and what the facility would look like as the new Highway facility. Discussion focused on why the Town would spend money on a property before taking ownership of said property. James McGahan reiterated that the money will only be spent once the Town owns the site. Phil Clemens of the Conservation Committee stated that the environmental cleanup was going well and on track.

VOTED Aye 60, Nay 35 to transfer \$463,000 from Free Cash to develop final engineered plans of a new highway facility at Hawk Avenue subject to the Town's acquisition of the property.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to conduct an assessment study of the Highway facility located at 797 Indian Head Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Building Committee

**Explanation:** These funds will be used to determine the costs of removal and future use of the existing Highway facility. Estimated \$28,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell Second: James McGahan

### VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$28,000 from Free Cash to conduct an assessment study of the Highway facility located at 797 Indian Head Street.

<u>ARTICLE 16:</u> To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amounts appropriated to Article 35 of the October 2014 Special Town Meeting Indian Head School Lintels and Article 11 Item 6 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting, Maquan School Repairs or available funds to fund the following school repair projects or take any other action in relation thereto.

ltem	Description	Amount	Selectmen Recommendation	Funding Source
1	Maquan School repair Boiler & Replace Tubes	20,000		
2	Indian Head Recommission Engineer Study HVAC system	\$15,000		
3	Middle School Boiler Control	\$33,450		
	TOTAL	\$68,450		

Proposed by the School Committee

**Explanation:** *Item 1 – Maquan –* Boilers #1 & #2 need replacement of 124 tubes in the steam boiler. These funds are to reimburse the School District for funds previously expended. *Item 2 Indian Head* To re-commission Indian head HVAC system to include classroom univents and roof top units. *Item 3 Middle School –* To install one new boiler control with a complete boiler conversion package for one boiler.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Robert Hayes Second: Kenneth Mitchell VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$30,725 from the amounts appropriated to Article 35 of the October 2014 Special Town Meeting Indian Head School Lintels and \$37,725 from Article 11 Item 6 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting, Maquan School Repairs to fund the following school repair projects as printed in the warrant.

Item	Description	Amount	Selectmen <u>Recommendati</u> on	Funding Source
1	Maquan School repair Boiler & Replace Tubes	20,000	Recommend	Art. 11 May 2016 ATM – Maquan Roof
2	Indian Head Recommission Engineer Study HVAC system	\$15,000	Recommend	Art. 11 May 2016 ATM – Maquan Roof
3	Middle School Boiler Control	\$33,450	Recommend	Art. 35 Oct. 2014 STM IH Lintels \$30,725 and Art. 11May ATM Maquan roof \$2,725
	TOTAL	\$68,450		

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector on behalf of the Recreation Commission to borrow a sum of money to supplement the amounts appropriated in Article 11, Item 8 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting to replace the septic system at Camp Kiwanee, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** These additional funds are needed for the engineering and installation of a new septic system. Estimate \$125,000 *Requires 2/3 vote* 

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Zucco Second: Kenneth Mitchell

Brian Smith of the Recreation Commission explained that the current system is not Title V compliant.

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to authorize the Treasurer/Collector on behalf of the Recreation Commission to borrow \$250,000 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7, subsection 1, to supplement the amounts appropriated in Article 11, Item 8 of the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting for all costs associated with the replacement of the septic system at Camp Kiwanee. **ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings a sum of money for the purposes of engineering plans for the Cranberry Cove dock system of the pilings and all necessary related work or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** The Cranberry Cove docks were installed in 1975. Since that time the pilings have rotted and have moved underground to the point that they are tilted in the water. The dock system can no longer safely be secured to the pilings and in order to make adjustments to the pilings or install new pilings, the DEP requires certified site plans in accordance with M.G. L. c. 91 & 18C licensing for docks. Estimated \$10,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Diane Cohen Second: Kenneth Mitchell

# **VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings the sum of \$10,000 for the purposes of engineering plans for the Cranberry Cove dock system of the pilings and all necessary related work,

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote transfer from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings a sum of money for engineered study of the grounds and buildings including exterior, interior, gas, plumbing, electric and underground services, to determine a matrix system for the upkeep and repairs necessary in properly maintaining the entire Historic Site known as Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation**: The Recreation Commission has unveiled several urgent projects that are in need of repairs. This engineered study will assure the Commission of all necessary repairs needed for the upkeep of the Camp. It will also give the Recreation Commission and the staff a complete matrix and unbiased list of priorities that are needed in order to properly maintain the property and be good stewards of the Historic Site.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: John Zucco Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings the sum of \$15,900 for engineered study of the grounds and buildings including exterior, interior, gas, plumbing, electric and underground services, to determine a matrix system for the upkeep and repairs necessary in properly maintaining the entire Historic Site known as Camp Kiwanee.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a new cutting head for the Town's Trackless Vehicle or taken any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation**: The Highway department's Trackless Machine is utilized for snow removal and roadside mowing. There is a great deal of wear and tear this vehicle has subjected to over the course of many years. The Existing Brush Arm is sufficient to receive a new head and this course of action is significantly more cost effective than replacing the entire Brush Arm. This Equipment is required to maintain roadway visibility and keeping the roadways safe. Estimated \$10,000

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: David Hanlon Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to replace the Brush Arm Mowing Head on the Highway Department's Trackless Vehicle.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from free cash or available funds or borrow a sum of money to be used for design services to advance the Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction project as presently being reviewed by the Project Review Committee (PRC) to the Plan Design Phase or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

*Explanation:* The Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction Project is ultimately anticipated to include improvements to traffic circulation and safety, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and roadway flooding along Maquan Street from Liberty Street (Route 58) and Indian Head Street to the Pembroke Town Line, a distance of approximately 1.2

miles and link pedestrian and bicycle accommodations from the existing Indian Head School, Maquan Elementary School, Hanson Public Library and sports fields with Maquan Street and its abutting neighborhoods. The Plan Design Phase is the Town's 10% contribution to the overall \$7.5 Million construction project. Estimated \$750,000 *Requires 2/3 vote.* 

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to borrow a sum \$750,000 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 7, subsection 7 to be used for design services to advance the Maquan Street/Route 14 Reconstruction project as presently being reviewed by the Project Review Committee (PRC) to the Plan Design Phase.

**<u>ARTICLE 22:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money to be added to Stabilization or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This money will be used to increase the Stabilization Fund. A stabilization fund is a mechanism for setting aside money either for unforeseen needs or for capital projects. Such a fund is intended to equalize the effect of capital expenditures over time and to provide a "rainy day" fund. The dollar amount appropriated under this article will increase the Stabilization Fund to \$1,146,597 which represents 5% of the operating budget. 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. Estimated \$25,000.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$25,000 from Free Cash to be added to Stabilization.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Free Cash and/or available funds a sum of money to be added to the Regional School Capital Stabilization fund as established by the October 2014 Special Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This Stabilization Fund sets asides funds for the exclusive use of paying for capital improvements to the Hanson School Buildings and the Whitman Hanson Regional High School. The current balance is \$60,173.00. Estimated \$10,000.00

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

### VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash to be added to the Regional School Capital Stabilization fund as established by the October 2014 Special Town Meeting.

<u>ARTICLE 24</u>: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or raise through borrowing \$500,000.00, for the installation of new water mains on various streets throughout the Town, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8, (5) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation**: This will allow the Water Department to replace old water mains; eliminate bleeders on dead end streets; for better water quality. *Requires 2/3 vote*.

Finance Committee took no action in anticipation of passing over article.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

#### **VOTED** Aye, voice to Passover Article 24.

**<u>ARTICLE 25:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$150,000 from Water Surplus to be added to Article#25 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, to replace several water gates throughout the town's water system that are not working properly or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This article is just a continuation to replace various gates in town that are over 50 years old and do not operate properly. This article will allow a contractor to come in and replace them.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$150,000 from Water Surplus to be added to Article#25 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, to replace several water gates throughout the town's water system that are not working properly.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus, \$25,000 to replace the porch at the Water Department office, 1073 West Washington Street, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** The water department has never replaced the porch since moving into the building over 15 years ago. The porch is getting hazardous and needs to be brought up to ADA requirements. This price is for a concrete porch with galvanized railings.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus, \$25,000 to replace the porch at the Water Department office, 1073 West Washington Street.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$10,000 for one pump and 2 motors for the Crystal Springs Wellfield or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation**: This article is to have in stock; motors and pumps when one of the wells goes down for repair. When a pump or motor is burned out; it takes weeks to order a new one and get the well up and running. This will save the water department time to have them installed quickly.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus \$10,000 for one pump and 2 motors for the Crystal Springs Wellfield.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus \$150,000 to purchase a new truck; or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation:** This will replace the Water Department's 1995 International 4900 dump truck that is over 20 years old.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus \$150,000 to purchase a new truck.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will transfer from Water Surplus, \$30,000 to purchase a new surge control valve for the deep well or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation**: This valve will prevent water hammers & surges during the normal pumping operations of the deep well and prevent severe damage to the pump and motor when the well is turning on and shutting down.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

### **VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer from Water Surplus, \$30,000 to purchase a new surge control valve for the deep well.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20,000 from Water Surplus to rehabilitate Well#4 at the Crystal Spring Wellsite or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

**Explanation**: Well#4 was last worked on in 2014. When the water department had all the wells tested for their specific capacity in February of this year; Well #4 wasn't performing at 100% and is in need of refurbishing.

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

### **VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$20,000 from Water Surplus to rehabilitate Well#4 at the Crystal Spring Wellsite.

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the repair to the Thomas Mill Wheel or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Historical Commission

Finance Committee recommends.

Motion: Patty Norton Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to transfer \$9,000 from Free Cash to repair the Thomas Mill Wheel.

<u>ARTICLE 32:</u> To see if the town will vote to dissolve the Hanson Town Forest Committee, and to designate the Conservation Commission to perform all the functions of said Committee and manage all designated Town Forests or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Forest Committee

**Explanation:** The parcel of land now known as *Veterans Memorial Town Forest* was set aside by Town Meeting in 1938 as Hanson's first public "conservation area" (though that particular term would have been ahead of its time). Now, however, it is simply one of a number of areas whose natural resources are protected and managed by the Conservation Commission. For several years it has become increasingly obvious that there is a duplication of effort between the Town Forest Committee and the Conservation Commission. To have more than one single unit of town government responsible for managing is redundant and unnecessary.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Phil Clemons Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice to dissolve the Hanson Town Forest Committee, and to designate the Conservation Commission to perform all the functions of said Committee and manage all designated Town Forests.

**<u>ARTICLE 33:</u>** To see if the town will vote to place the property identified as Assessors Map 105, Parcel 7, under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of wildlife, recreation and forestry, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Conservation Commission

**Explanation:** This property identified as Assessors Map 105 Parcel 7 is currently owned by the Town of Hanson and contains 1.90 acres with frontage on Brook Street. This property is not a buildable lot as it functions as part of the drainage system and contains areas of wetlands. It is the opinion of the Conservation Commission that this property should be retained by the town and placed under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for conservation and storm water management purposes. Placing this property under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission to monitor the site and conduct activities to maintain and support the retention of the site in its natural scenic and open condition for wildlife conservation, native habitat protection, public recreation, protection of scenic views and other conservation uses. *Requires 2/3 vote* 

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Phil Clemons Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to place the property identified as Assessors Map 105, Parcel 7, under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, for the purpose of wildlife, recreation and forestry.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of the following Massachusetts General Laws in accordance with the Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act:

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22G MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article which addresses changes recommended in the Municipal Modernization act.

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F - Adds a local acceptance option to make the spouse of a disabled veteran who holds title to the veteran's domicile as a trustee or conservator eligible for available veteran exemptions and the surviving spouse who acquired title to a deceased veteran's domicile under a trust or conservatorship to retain eligibility for an exemption.

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MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D The amounts of the gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal shall be increased annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year.

MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K - Increases the maximum abatement allowed to cities and towns that have accepted the senior work-off abatement statute to \$1,500. The current limit is \$1,000 or 125 hours of voluntary service, whichever is higher.

MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 - Provides expressly for the creation of a trust fund to reserve money for retiree health insurance and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) that complies with standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The OPEB fund of local governmental entities that accepted MGL c. 32B, sec. 20 before the effective date of the Act continues to be governed under the original terms of the statute unless the entities reaccept MGL c. 32B, sec. 20 after the effective date of the Act.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Kenneth Mitchell Second: James McGahan

VOTED Aye, voice to accept the provision of the following Massachusetts General Laws in accordance with the Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act as printed in the warrant.

MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22F MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22G MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20

<u>**ARTICLE 35:</u>** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General Bylaws, Article 3 - 8, Town Property, section 6A by deleting the following:</u>

"except for the Lodge at Camp Kiwanee when functions are in progress"

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

**Explanation:** Section 6A relates to the prohibition of smoking tobacco products in all Municipal buildings in the Town of Hanson. Smoking is not allowed at Needles Lodge.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Jim Hickey Second: Kenneth Mitchell VOTED Aye, voice to amend the Hanson General By-laws, Article 3 – 8, Town Property, section 6A by deleting the following:

"except for the Lodge at Camp Kiwanee when functions are in progress".

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General By-laws Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 1C Exclusions by inserting a new subsection f as follows:

"f. Any and all contracts negotiated by an elected Board as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws."

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**Explanation:** This will allow an elected Board to enter into a contract with any employees under its oversight as permitted from time to time through changes in the Massachusetts General Laws.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Donald Howard Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice to amend the Hanson General By-laws Article 2 -12 Classification and

Compensation, Section 1C Exclusions by inserting a new subsection f as printed in the warrant.

"f. Any and all contracts negotiated by an elected Board as allowed by Massachusetts General Laws."

<u>ARTICLE 37:</u> To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General Bylaws, Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 11A Professional Positions as follows:

	7/1/16	7/1/17
<ul><li>A. Director of Elder Affair</li><li>D. Inspector of Buildings – Full Time Salary</li><li>E. Health Agent</li></ul>	\$35,000 - \$55,000 \$20,000 - \$60,000 \$40,000 - \$60,000	\$35,000 - \$70,000 \$20,000 - \$70,000 \$40,000 - \$70,000

or taken any other action in relation thereto

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**Explanation:** This article adjusts the salary ranges of the above positions to be consistent with other Professional Positions in Section 11A.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett Second: Kenneth Mitchell

#### **VOTED** Aye, voice to amend the Hanson General By-laws, Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 11A Professional Positions as printed in the warrant.

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson General Bylaws Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 12D Vacation leave by deleting Section a, subsection 1 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

"With the exception of employees listed in Section 11A: Professional Positions who upon completion of six month of continued service shall be granted 15 days vacation with regular pay, all other employee who has completed six (6) months of continuous service shall be granted five (5) days vacation leave with regular pay. An employee who has completed one (1) continuous year of service shall be granted ten (10) days vacation leave with regular pay. All vacation time shall be calculated based on the employee's regular weekly scheduled hours.,"

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**Explanation:** This amendment provides equity between the Professional Position employees and the contractual department heads.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: James McGahan Second: Kenneth Mitchell

**VOTED** Aye, voice to amend the Hanson General By-laws Article 2 -12 Classification and Compensation, Section 12D Vacation leave by deleting Section a, subsection 1in its entirety and inserting in its place the verbiage as printed in the warrant.

<u>ARTICLE 39:</u> To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7 by deleting subsection E Signs and F Temporary Signs and replacing said sections with the following and/or take any other action relative thereto:

#### E. Permitted and Prohibited Signs

- 1. All permitted signs shall conform with any design guidelines set forth in the Sign Regulations as may be established by the Planning Board, and with those standards set forth in this section E herein, and with all other federal, state and local requirements.
- 2. The following signs shall be permitted without a permit:
  - Construction Signs: A maximum of four signs located on construction sites which advertise the commercial enterprise engaging in work on the property. Said signs may be maintained only while a valid construction permit is active. For commercial and residential projects on sites 3 acres or larger, said signs shall not exceed aggregate 32 square feet, calculated in accordance with the Sign Regulations. For all other projects, said signs shall not exceed 16 aggregate square feet.
  - b. Government Signs: Official Federal, State or local government signs and notices issued by any court, person or officer in performance of a public duty.
  - c. Miscellaneous Small Signs: Signs with an aggregate area not to exceed 3 square feet and located within 5 feet of an entrance to a building
  - d. No Trespassing Signs: Trespassing warnings that are posted in compliance with the requirements of Federal, State and local laws.

- e. Traffic Safety Signs: Signs warning of construction, excavation, or similar hazards if expressly approved by the Town of Hanson Zoning Enforcement Officer. Parking lot and other private traffic directional signs each not exceeding 3 feet in height and 5 square feet in area and limited to guidance of pedestrian or vehicular traffic within the premises on which they are located.
- f. Real Estate Signs: Temporary signs indicating that the property on which the sign is located is for sale, rent or lease, as provided for by law. Only one such sign is permitted to face on each street adjacent to the property. Such signs may be single or double-faced and are limited in size to 3 square feet or less on property in residential zones, and 10 square feet or less on property in commercial zones.
- g. Temporary Window Signs: Temporary signs on commercial properties, affixed to the inside of the window, or hung within 12 inches of a window promoting grand openings and special events (commercial or non-commercial), provided the sign or signs do not exceed 10 percent of each window area, or 4 square feet per window, whichever is greater.
- h. Transit Signs: Signs identifying transit stops, facilities, times and routes.
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- j. Vehicle Signs: painted signs or decals affixed to the body of any vehicle, unless parked for the primary purpose of displaying the sign.
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- 1. Farm Stands: A farm stand may have no more than two temporary ground identification signs. Such signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in area and six feet in height from the ground; be located on the same lot as the farm stand. A farm stamp may have temporary signs(s) at the nearest intersecting streets with the land owner's permission. Farm Stand signs may not be illuminated or create a hazard to traffic, and must be removed when the farm stand closes for the season.

- m. Yard Sales: Signs for yard sales shall be limited to not more than three consecutive days.
- 3. The following signs shall be prohibited:
  - a. Public safety. No sign shall not block reasonable sight lines of roads, streets, ways or sidewalks.
  - b. Municipal Property. With the exception of Government Signs, Traffic Safety Signs, Transit Signs and Utility Signs, no signs shall be placed on public property without express written approval of the Board of Selectmen.
  - c. Signs that Block Ingress or Egress. Any sign, such as a sandwich-board sign, placed or maintained so as to interfere with free ingress to or egress from any door, window, fire escape, or parking lot.
  - d. Signs in the Street Right of Way. Any sign placed in any street right of way without a valid permit or prior approval for the purpose of safety or traffic control. No sign shall be affixed to or posted in front of any guardrails located in a public right of way.
  - e. Signs on Street Trees: Any sign posted on or affixed to a street tree, fence or utility pole.
  - f. Simulated Traffic Signs. Any sign which simulates or imitates any traffic sign or signal in size, color, lettering or design, or which makes use of words, symbols or characters in such a manner as to interfere with, mislead, or confuse pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
  - g. Portable Signs, excepting temporary real estate or construction signs; and sandwich board signs that do not pose an obstruction to vehicles

#### F. Signs requiring Sign Site Plan Review

1 Signs requiring site plan review shall include: (a) Signs with moving, flashing, electronic or animated images or copy; (b) Illuminated or neon Signs and (c) Reflective or Fluorescent Signs.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Joseph Weeks Second: Kenneth Mitchell VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7 by deleting subsection E Signs and F Temporary Signs and replacing said sections with the following Section E Permitted and Prohibited Signs, as printed in the handout marked Article 39 and as further amended to strike the word "stamp" in paragraph l. and replace with the word "stand".

#### **Article 39 Handout**

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**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, **Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law**, **Section 7** by add subsection **G 7. Sign Site Plan Review** as follows and/or take any other action relative thereto:

- 7. Sign Site Plan Review.
  - a. Application Requirements: In addition to a completed application and filing fee, an applicant must submit the following (i) A photograph showing the existing facade, on which has been indicated the proposed, and a portion of adjoining stores or building (ii) for a proposed building or new facade, an architect's elevation may be submitted in lieu of a photograph; (iii) a scale drawing of the proposed sign indicating: the type of proposed sign (wall, hanging, free standing), dimensions of the proposed sign and any designs, logos, or lettering, cross-section with dimensions showing edge detail, minimum scale 1" = 1', minimum sheet size, 8.5 x 11"; (iv) a scale drawing of the bracket with a colored scale graphic indicating dimensions, showing colors, materials and method of affixing it to the sign and to the building, minimum scale 1"= 1', minimum sheet size, 8.5 x 11".

- b. Approval. Sign Site Plan Approval shall be granted upon a determination by the Board of Appeals upon the following findings: (i) the design of signs and abutting features shall not detract from the design of proposed buildings and structures and the surrounding properties; (ii) the design of signs and abutting features shall maximize pedestrian and vehicular safety both on and off the site; (iii) the design of signs and abutting features shall minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; (iv) the design of signs and abutting features shall minimize lighting intrusion;
- c. Conditions. The Board of Appeals may impose reasonable conditions, even at the expense of the applicant, to ensure that the following conditions have been satisfied.
- d. Regulations. The Board of Appeals may adopt, and may from time to time amend reasonable regulations for signs.

Proposed by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The purpose of this by-law is to clarify those signs that are expressly permitted and prohibited without further review of the Appeals Board. Sign site plan review is to permit greater flexibility in determining whether signs, in certain forms, are appropriate for the specific locality in which they are proposed to be sited. Its further purpose is to provide oversight of sign design in light of every changing technological advances which adjust the appearance and impact of signs. *Requires 2/3 Vote* 

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

Motion: Joseph Weeks Second: Kenneth Mitchell

VOTED Aye, voice declared 2/3 by moderator to amend the Town of Hanson, County of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Land Use Regulations Zoning By-law, Section 7 by add subsection G 7. Sign Site Plan Review, as printed in the warrant.

Voted Aye, voice to dissolve the meeting at 10:11PM

A true copy of the vote, Attest:

Elizabeth Sloan, CMC, CMMC Town Clerk