

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Special Town Meeting - October 25, 1993

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The Moderator Charles Mann called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

The meeting was delayed until a quorum was present.

A quorum of 100 was declared to be present.

The tellers appointed and sworn in were Francis Finn, Michael Regan and Elton Smith.

Town Counsel was Elizabeth Lane of Kopelman and Paige.

The Moderator declared a unanimous vote to waive the reading of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash a sum of money to Utilities, line 10, Article 4, of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to appropriate and raise by taxation a sum of \$22,000.00 to Utilities, line 10, Article 4 of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from available free cash the sum of \$154.72 to pay unpaid medical bills for fiscal 93 for a Town employee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from available free cash the sum of \$154.72 to pay unpaid medical bills for fiscal 93 for a Town Employee.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$364.94 from the Water Surplus Account for unpaid bills for Fiscal Year 1993 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer \$362.94 from the Water Surplus Account for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills for Fiscal Year 1993: Tremble Associates \$300.00 and AT&T \$62.94.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will appropriate and raise by taxation, or transfer from free cash the sum of \$8884.86 for the purpose of paying the following unpaid bills from FY93:

Town Employee (mileage)	31.01	
Fern Hill Cemetery	415.00	
N.E. Telephone	2229.93	
Bay State Gas	612.19	
Eastern Edison	4738.06	
A.T.&T. Long Distance	64.17	
Town of Hanson-Water Dept.	<u>794.50</u>	
		8884.86

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to appropriate and raise by taxation the sum of \$8884.86 for the purpose of paying those unpaid bills from FY93 listed in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash \$3549.00 for the purpose of paying the balance owed to Capeway Roofing Co. for work completed on the Indian Head School roof this past summer, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: \$110,000.00 was appropriated to pay to repair the Indian Head School Roof. The bill came to \$113,549 due to unexpected damage to the roof.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash \$3,549.00 for the purpose of paying the balance owed to Capeway Roofing Co. for work completed on the Indian Head School roof this past summer.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,678.50 from Article 4, Line 117 Water Dept. Expenses to Line 113 Water Dept Other Wages of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: This represents the cost of 10 hours of clerical wages per week which is used by the Treasurer/Collectors office related to collection of water fees. The Auditors have suggested this amount appear in the Water dept. salary line

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED, Aye, unanimous, to transfer \$3,678.50 from Article 4, line 117, Water Department Expenses, to Line 113 Water Department Other Wages of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Capital Improvement Committee to file legislation authorizing the Town to pay \$16,963.00 to Overhead Door Company of Boston, an unpaid bill incurred by the Capital Improvement Committee due to bidding discrepancies, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to allow the Capital Improvement Committee to file legislation authorizing the Town to pay \$16,963.00 to Overhead Door Company of Boston.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash a sum of money and transfer remaining balances from Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting to the Capital Improvement Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer remaining balances of \$357.20 from Article 7, \$2,093.80 from Article 8, \$178.00 from Article 10, and \$3,400 from Article 11 of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting for a total of \$6,029.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to Article 9, Police HVAC of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$2,500.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to Article 9, Police HVAC of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from available free cash or transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to purchase or fund the first year of a lease purchase on one (1) new and unused two and one quarter yard (2 1/4) front end loader for the Highway Department. The 1982 Michigan front-end loader to be taken in trade on delivery of the new loader or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice, to enter into a five (5) year lease and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,873.00 to fund the first payment of the five (5) year lease purchase on one (1) new front end loader for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from available free cash or transfer from Capital Improvement Fund or transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to purchase or fund the first year of a lease purchase on one (1) new and unused cab & chassis for the Highway Department. The 1979 GMC cab & chassis to be taken in trade on delivery of the new cab & chassis or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee does not recommend.

VOTED Aye, voice, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$25,106.50 to purchase one (1) new cab and chassis for the the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash or transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund a sum of money to purchase or lease/purchase new election equipment or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund the sum of \$17,250.00 to purchase three (3) optical scan vote tabulators.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash a sum of \$8000.00 to Article 4 , line 42 Police Wages and Line 44 Emergency Communications wages of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: These funds are to be used for training personnel in the use the new Police Computer network system to be purchased through a \$37,000 Computer grant. This money will represent a portion of the Town's obligated 12% matching share, the remaining share will be absorbed within our current Police budget.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of \$6,500.00 to Article 4, Line 42, Police Wages, and \$1,500.00 to Line 44, Emergency Communications Wages, of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash, a sum of \$3,000 to Article 4, line 43, Police Expenses, of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Chief of Police

Explanation: To outfit two new Police Officers with necessary equipment and uniforms, in compliance with collective bargaining agreement.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash, a sum of \$3,000.00 to Article 4, Line 43, Police Expenses, of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash a sum of money to Line 3 of Article 4 of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to appropriate and raise by taxation the sum of \$43,000.00 to Line 3, Interest, of Article 4 of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash \$1000.00 to Article 4, line 33, Building Maintenance, Elder Affairs of the May, 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Council for Elder Affairs

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Building Expense Line, line 33 of the Elder Affairs Budget, Article 4 of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from available free cash a sum of money to pay medical expenses for a Town employee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from available Free Cash a sum of \$281.21 to pay medical expenses of a Town Employee.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from available free cash or transfer from the Ambulance Fund the sum of \$26,795.00 for the final payment of the ambulance lease or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from the ambulance funds the sum of \$26,795.00 for the final payment of the Ambulance lease.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available ambulance collection funds for the purpose of up-dating, modernizing and replacing necessary components of the Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice, to transfer from the Ambulance Funds the sum of \$10,319.00 for the purpose of up-dating, modernizing, and replacing necessary components of the Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life).

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the 1992 May Special Town Meeting Article 15, Water Emergencies or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer a sum of \$15,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to Article 15, Water Emergencies, of the 1992 May Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4396.00 from line 27, Article 4 (Library Wages) of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting to line 66, Article 4 (Clerical Wages) of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer \$4,304.00 from line 27, Article 4, Library Wages, of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting to line 66, Article 4, Clerical Wages of the May 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash a sum of money for the purposes of advertising, accepting and reviewing proposals, and hiring a qualified architect and/or engineering firm to prepare plans and specifications, monitor bidding process, and oversee construction through completion of compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Law for Town municipal buildings or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by ADA/Capital Improvement Sub-Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from available free cash a sum of money to be added to the 1993 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, Line 9, Reserve Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to appropriate and raise by taxation the sum of \$19,335.14 and to transfer \$10,664.86 from available Free Cash to be added to the 1993 Annual Town Meeting Article 4, line 9, Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash \$500.00 for automobile maintenance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash \$500.00 for automobile maintenance.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to 1993 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, line 66, Selectmen Clerical, to compensate an employee working out of classification or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from free cash a sum of money (\$3,,690.05) for emergency help in the Assessors Office or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This will enable the Assessors to hire emergency help during surgery and recovery time for a member of our staff.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash \$3,690.05 for emergency help in the Assessors Office.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash a sum of money to be added to the 1993 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, line 38, Veterans Aid or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veterans Agent

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000.00 to be added to the 1993 Annual Town Meeting, Article 4, line 38, Veterans Aid.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash the sum of \$1,585.00 to fund the position of Veterans Agent Assistant or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veterans Agent

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,585.00 to fund the position of Veterans Agent Assistant.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash a sum of money for the purposes of conducting an Americans with

Disabilities Survey to comply with ADA Title II standards and requirements for municipal buildings or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the ADA Committee

Explanation: The proposed building survey will assess the Town's municipal building accessibility to the disabled citizen.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer from Free Cash \$7,850.00 for the purposes of conducting an Americans With Disabilities survey to comply with ADA Title II standards and requirements for municipal building.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 40, Sec. 8G or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: This section allows municipalities to enter into police mutual aid agreements with other towns.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to accept M.G.L. Chapter 40, Sec. 8G.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Hanson General Bylaws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation, by taking the following action:

Section 4 change to read:

"Amendment of the Classification and Compensation Bylaw";

Section 4A change to read:

"The Classification and compensation plan and any other provision of the by-law for the administration of personnel may be amended by a majority vote at Town Meeting";

Section 7A: First line change "plan" to "by-law"

Section 7B: Change "by-law" in first and last line to read "plan".

Section 13C:

a. Change "Plan" in the first line to "by-law";

Section 13E:

a. Change "Plan" in second line to "by-law".

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to amend the Town of Hanson General Bylaws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation as printed in the warrant with the following correction: After Section 13E (subsection c.) change the letter a. to c.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee of three (3) residents of the Town, appointed by the Moderator, to coordinate with the Plymouth County Commissioners the planning and ultimate disposition of the land known as the Plymouth County Hospital. Said Committee shall be known as the Plymouth County Hospital Study Committee and shall periodically make its reports to the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Moderator

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous to establish a Committee of five (5) residents of the Town, appointed by the Moderator, to coordinate with the Plymouth County Commissioners the planning and ultimate disposition of the land known as the Plymouth County Hospital. Said Committee shall be known as the Plymouth County Hospital Study Committee and shall periodically make its reports to the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 60, Section 3C, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: The above chapter and section allows the Town to establish a local education fund. The monies contributed to this fund are designated as a checkoff on taxpayers property tax or motor vehicle excise bills. The checkoff is completely voluntary, however, contributions may not be less than \$1.00.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye 48, Nay 19 to accept Mass. General Law Chapter 60, Section 3C.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee of four (4) citizens and the Superintendent of Schools (as mandated by Chapter 60, S. 3C) to have the general responsibility for distributing the education fund. Terms to be two for three years, one for two years and one for one year and thereafter for terms of three years to expire each June 30 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice, to establish a committee of four citizens and the Superintendent of Schools to have the general responsibility for distributing the education fund. Terms to be two for three years, one for two years, and one for one year and thereafter for terms of three years to expire each June 30. This committee will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Committee to oversee the operation of the Emergency Communication Center. Committee to be composed of Police Chief, Fire Chief, Highway Surveyor, Water Superintendent, Chief Dispatcher, and one Selectman or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: Said Committee shall serve to oversee the annual budget and day to day operations of the Emergency Communications Center.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice, to establish a Committee, appointed by the Moderator, to oversee the operation of the Emergency Communication Center. Committee to be composed of Police Chief, Fire Chief, Highway Surveyor, Water Superintendent, Chief Dispatcher, and one Selectman.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of an easement within a parcel of land to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveying said easement and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said easement to Robert P. Sullivan and Arla J. Sullivan, Trustees of SBD Realty Trust, in fee for the sum of Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars, (\$ 7,500.00), subject to the provisions of Chapter 30B, Sec 16 of the General Laws, said easement being shown as "Area of Discontinuance" consisting of 22,888 square feet of land more or less on a plan entitled "Plan of Discontinuance of land portion of Franklin Street, Hanson, MA." prepared by Land Planning Engineering and Survey, scale 1" = 40', dated August 18, 1992 on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to transfer the care, custody and control of an easement within a parcel of land to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveying said easement and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said easement to Robert P. Sullivan and Arla J. Sullivan, Trustees of SBD Realty Trust, in fee for the sum of Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars, (\$7,500.00), subject to the provisions of chapter 30B, Sec 16 of the General Laws, said easement being shown as "Area of Discontinuance" consisting of 22,888 square feet of land more or less on a plan entitled "Plan of Discontinuance of land portion of Franklin Street, Hanson, MA." prepared by Land Planning Engineering and Survey, scale 1" = 40', dated August 18, 1992 on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to extend the Emergency Communication Center Committee through the installation of the E911 Program or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Emergency Communication Center
Committee

Explanation: In an effort to continue the completion of the Emergency Communication Center, the Committee is needed to coordinate the installation of E911 equipment and procedures.

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to extend the Emergency Communication Center Committee through the installation of the E911 Program.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town General Bylaws Article 2-1 by deleting sec 5. and in its place adding a new section as follows:

Section 5. Every Town Officer, Committee, Commission or Department Head shall use a purchase order system administered by the Town Accountant. The Town Accountant shall annually prepare a list of suppliers for basic office needs to be used by all Town

departments. All other purchases shall be approved by the Town Accountant relative to meeting M.G.L. Chapter 30B procurement standards.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Central Purchasing Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, voice, to amend the Town General Bylaws Article 2-1 by deleting sec. 5. and in its place adding a new section as follows:

Section 5. Every Town Officer, Board, Committee, Commission or Department Head shall use a purchase order system administered by the Town Accountant. The Town Accountant shall annually prepare a list of suppliers for basic office needs to be used by all Town Departments. All other purchases shall be approved by the Town Accountant relative to meeting M.G.L. Chapter 30B procurement standards.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) for the purpose of planning for, and dealing with natural and man-made disasters within the Town. Said committee shall be allowed to apply for grants; submit articles for Town Meeting consideration; declare a "State of Emergency" condition to exist; and take necessary appropriate actions to protect the Town during emergency situations. Committee shall consist of the following:

Entire five members of Board of Selectmen and Executive Secretary
Civil Defense Director
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Highway Surveyor
Water Superintendent
Superintendent of Schools
Director of Elder Affairs
Director of Elder Housing
Chairman of the Finance Committee and Town Accountant
Chairman of the Board of Health
Building; Plumbing; and Wiring Inspectors

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to Pass Over.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson Zoning Bylaw by taking the following actions:

Delete the period after the year 1992 in Section VI.F.1.K., Aquifer and Well Protection Area May, and replace with a comma, and insert the following therefor:
revised March 22, 1993

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation: The Town of Hanson will be in conformance with the Department of Environmental Protection standards concerning wellhead protection requirements for new groundwater sources as defined in 310 CMR 22.21

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, as printed in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hanson Zoning Bylaw by taking the following actions:

In Section VI. F. 3. Use Regulations, A. SCHEDULE OF USES, item number 30, under column ZONE II & IIIA insert a letter N, and under column ZONE IIIB insert the letter SP.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Planning Board

Explanation: Item number 30 was voted on at the October, 1992 Town Meeting, but the permitted usage was not inserted with the zoning amendment. (N - not permitted, SP - special permit required)

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, as printed in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer from free cash a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization account or take any other action in relation there to.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and Finance
Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

VOTED Aye, unanimous, to Pass Over.

The meeting was dissolved at 10:17p.m.

A true copy, attest:

Sandra E. Harris
Town Clerk