

# Town Meeting

**PLYMOUTH, SS.**

**To either of the Constables of the Town of Hanson, in the County of Plymouth  
GREETINGS,**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hanson, qualified to vote in Town affairs, and elections, to meet in the Auditorium of the Middle School (off Liberty Street), in said Hanson on Monday the **seventh day of May, 2007** at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the articles in this warrant and furthermore to meet in the Maquan School Auditorium and Cafeteria, on School Street, in said Hanson on Saturday, the **nineteenth of May, 2007** at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for Town Officials as stipulated in **Article 29** of this warrant.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear reports of the various Town Officers, Committees, Special Committees, and act thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The Reports voted on are those published in the **2006** Town Report.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2008 as permitted by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** Every year this article is voted. It simply allows the Treasurer/Collector to maintain accounts using credits instead of money to pay for banking charges.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$521,659.00 from the Reserve for appropriation – school debt exclusion reserve account for the purpose of making debt payments on debt issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District, which debt was authorized by Article 34 of the May 2002 Annual Town Meeting and subsequent debt exclusion vote on May 18, 2002, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This account is used to pay temporary borrowing for the new high school project.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all paid Elected Officers and Committees of the Town as follows:

	<b>FY07</b>	<b>FY08</b>
Moderator	382.00	382.00
Selectmen		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Town Clerk	53,560.00	55,166.00
Tree Warden	2,472.00	2,546.00
Assessors		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Highway Surveyor	65,023.00	66,973.00
Water Commissioners		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00

Board of Health		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Planning Board		
Chairman	2,041.00	2,041.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
Member	1,443.00	1,443.00
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or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator

**Explanation:** This article sets the salaries limits for the elected officials.  
Article 5 funds the salaries.

**ARTICLE 5 :** To determine what sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise by taxation, transfer from free cash, transfer from Town Ambulance Funds, Water Department Revenue, Conservation Notice of Intent Fund, Overlay Surplus, and Stabilization Fund to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including Debt and Interest and to provide for a reserve fund for the **2008 Fiscal Year** or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article refers to the FY 2008 Annual Budget Lines

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund to the General Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This fund will be used to pay the administrative costs of the Septic Loan Program in accordance with the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Mass. Water Pollution Abatement Trust special revenue fund to the general fund maturing debt principal line or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Accountant and  
Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This money is needed to pay down the debt that is due to the MWPAT

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from free cash, ambulance receipts and/or stabilization fund the sum of \$33,000.00 to fund the second of five payments for the new ambulance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief.

**Explanation:** The article is self-explanatory. It is second of five payments for the new ambulance.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Capital Improvement Program as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Capital Improvement Committee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen and the  
Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This article accepts the six-year capital improvement plan and matrix submitted by the Capital Improvement Committee.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, transfer from free cash and/or transfer from the stabilization Fund a sum of money to be added to the Capital Improvement Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** This article sets up the funding for the Capital Improvement Articles. This article is presented every year.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment of the Lease Purchase Agreement for Fire Department equipment repairs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** To complete payment on improvements previously funded by a lease/purchase agreement approved at a previous Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final payment on the Michigan Front End Loader for the Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** To complete payment on a lease/purchase agreement approved at a previous Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** There is a federal mandate to have all emergency response teams on the same frequency by early 2008. The Police Department's existing equipment cannot operate on the designated frequency and cannot be retrofitted to do so.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to fund the replacement of windows at the Liberty Street Fire Station or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** Windows are in need of replacement to reduce the energy use of the building.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Capital Improvement fund to remodel the kitchen at Camp Kiwanee or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Explanation:** The kitchen is in bad repair and is an obstacle to securing rentals requiring better kitchen facilities.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Article 30 of the October 2001 Special Town Meeting and/or free cash a sum of money to conduct a survey of the needs of the Maquan School and the adjoining property for the purpose of making future improvements and/or repairs or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Administrator and the School Superintendent

**Explanation:** The Maquan School needs significant repairs. In order to establish an accurate cost, an assessment study must be conducted.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the amounts of funding for STAP (Senior Tax Abatement Program) under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law 59, Section K or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** May 2003 Special Town Meeting accepted MGL. Ch. 59, Section K, which provides residents over 60 years of age to volunteer their services to the municipality in exchange for a reduction of their tax bills. Seniors may earn a maximum reduction of \$500.00 per fiscal year, based on a rate per hour of services that cannot exceed the Commonwealth minimum wage. At the time, the total amount would not exceed \$10,000, which would be paid from the overlay account. The program has grown in popularity and the Board Assessors recommend increasing the amount to \$15,000.00. These funds would be paid from the overlay account.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$180,000.00, in addition to the \$4,800,000.00 previously appropriated, for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police station, including all costs incidental or directly related thereto; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen  
and Police Station Building Committee

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping article. These funds were voted and approved at the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting. However, the Bonding Company requires very specific language in the motion as it relates to Massachusetts General Laws. The previous motion did not include the language. Consequently the article must be re-voted.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005, which reads as follows: 'Section 1 [of the Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003] shall expire on September 11, 2008. Sections 2 and 3 shall expire on September 11, 2005' or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veterans' Agent

**Explanation:** This amendment extends the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 which reads "An employee eligible under this section shall be paid his regular base salary as a public employee for each pay period of military leave of absences after September 11, 2001, reduced by any amount received from the United States as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period. For purposes of this section, base pay shall not include any allowances, overtime pay, shift

differential pay, hazardous duty pay or any other additional compensation received for military services.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign an inter-municipal agreement for regional cooperation in the provision of solid waste and recycling services by the south shore recycling cooperative, and to see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of section 419 of chapter 194 of the acts of 1998; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: Board of Selectmen  
Board of Health  
Recycling Committee

**Explanation:** Membership would take Hanson to the next level in recycling and solid waste disposal. Hanson needs to further its efforts in managing solid waste and recycling. Membership in the cooperative would help the town to improve the cost-effectiveness of its recycling efforts. Hanson would receive assistance in diverting waste materials from the waste stream. As a member, Hanson would have access to various contracts. The membership fee of \$4,000 will be paid from the Disposal Area expenses - Hazardous Waste Day line.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the town will authorize the Board of Trustees of the Hanson Library to apply for, accept, and expend any state grants which are available to conduct a feasibility study to examine the options for expanding and renovating its current library building, or building a new facility or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

**Explanation:** The Board of Library Trustees and the Library Director are in the process of applying for a \$40,000 Planning and Design Grant provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to examine the options for expanding and renovating its current library building. The town is obligated to match the funds with \$20,000, which the Trustees voted to take out of Library Trust funds. No town-appropriated funds are requested for the implementation of this grant.

**ARTICLE 22:** To ask the Town of Hanson to vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Shawn Nickerson and 15 others



**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the use by the Hanson Board of Assessors, such funds to be used for the purchase and maintenance of maps including GIS. The receipts generated through over the counter sale of these maps shall be credited to the revolving account. The Board of Assessors authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ an amount not to exceed \$1,500. Expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** To purchase and maintain maps including GIS and to help defray the cost of providing updated assessors maps to various Town Departments.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, s53 E ½ for the purpose of Hanson Public Library operations including purchase, repair and maintenance of the copy machine(s), equipment and copy machine(s) supplies, printers and printing supplies, and the replacement of lost and damaged library materials. The following receipts generated shall be credited to the fund: Receipts from charges to the public for the use of the copy machine(s) and fines and fees charged for lost, damaged and overdue library materials.

The Board of Library Trustees is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44s53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$5,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Library Trustees

**Explanation:** This is the annual revolving account article. The receipts generated from copies, fines and fees for the purchase, repair and maintenance of the copy machine(s), equipment and copy machine(s) supplies, printers and printing supplies, and the replacement of lost and damaged library materials.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for the use of Hanson Senior Center/Library operations to include repairs, maintenance of the facility, purchases, repairs and maintenance of equipment, additional utility expenses, janitorial and staff reimbursement. The following receipts generated shall be credited to the fund:

Receipts from deposit and hourly use charges imposed upon any group or individual that has with prior approval agreed to the use and fee regulations as set forth by the Director Elder Affairs and the Board of Library Trustees.

The Director of Elder Affairs or the Board of Library Trustees is authorized to expend from the account for its stated purpose without further appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ an amount of money not to exceed \$3,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Library Board of Trustees  
And the Council of Elder Affairs

**Explanation:** This article will allow money that is received from the deposits and use fees charged other groups and individuals for the use of the Senior Center/Library facilities, to be used for the purchase, repair and maintenance of equipments, additional utility expense and janitorial service.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continuation of a revolving fund under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the use by the Parks and Fields Commission for the sport programs including maintenance and equipment. The receipts credited to the fund shall be those generated through a recycling program at the Hanson Transfer Station. The Parks and Fields Commission is authorized to expend from the fund for the stated purpose without future appropriation subject to the restrictions contained in G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Expenditures shall not be made, or liabilities incurred in excess of the balance of the fund at any given time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Parks and Fields Commission

**Explanation:** This article is voted every year. The article provides the Parks and Fields Commission the ability to generate funds through a recycling program. The funds are used for the sports programs.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund further installation of water mains town wide or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

**Explanation** This will be an addition of a new water main which will connect Franklin Street to Main Street which will result in improved fire flows in the western portion of the distribution system, improve water quality, and provide an alternate path for water flow exiting the Crystal Spring wellfield site.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Water Surplus to fund the Meter Replacement Program or take any other action in relation there.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

**Explanation** This article will continue our program of replacing old water meters and supplying new accounts.

**ARTICLE 29:** To bring in their votes for the following offices: A Moderator for one year, a Selectmen for three years, an Assessor for three years, a Town Clerk for three years, a Highway Surveyor for three years, a Board of Health member for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for three years, a Cemetery Commissioner for two years, a member of the Planning Board for five years, a member of the Housing Authority for five years, a Tree Warden for three years, two Trustees of Memorial Field for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the Whitman- Hanson Regional School District Committee PreK-12 for three years, and two Water Commissioners for three years.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall, the Fire Station, the public stores, and Post Offices, seven days at least, before the said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place above-mentioned.

Given under our hands, this 10th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

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**Selectmen of Hanson**

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**Town Clerk**

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**Date**

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**Constable**

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