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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 Hanson Middle School, 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 following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to pay unpaid bills from fiscal year 2005 and 2006 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 2006. Requires a 9/10 vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$193,205.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 291C, of the Acts of 2004, for continuing State Aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: State aid chapter 90 monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road paving and reconstruction that have now become available from the Massachusetts Highway Department and must be expended. Requires 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$86,808.00 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 122, of the Acts of 2006, for continuing State Aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: State aid chapter 90 monies to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road paving and reconstruction that have now become available from the Massachusetts Highway Department and must be expended. Requires 2/3 vote

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110 Other Tuition and Transportation the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the amounts in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 95, Town Gasoline or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: These funds are needed as a result of the increase in gasoline and diesel fuel prices. The estimated amount of \$25,000.00 will cover the costs fuel for Town owned vehicles.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8 Unemployment the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 99 Street Sweeping or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay a contractor to sweep the streets of the sand that was applied for snow and ice control. The Town of Hanson does not own a sweeper however one week per month we have access to the Tri-Town Sweeper (Towns of Hanson, Hanover, and Pembroke).

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, Highway Department Wages to purchase one (1) new ½ Ton pick-up truck for the Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Explanation: The purchase of this pick-up truck is a Plymouth County Commissioners Cooperative Bid to replace the 1992 old ambulance that was removed from service and declare surplus.

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 and raise by taxation or borrow from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise the sum of \$800,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitations all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29c of the General Laws or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health &
Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: We are seeking an additional \$800,000 from the trust for a third round of betterments. Requires a 2/3 vote, as it is borrowing.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or from the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 74 Disposal Area Operations for the engineering services to bring the transfer station into compliance with State solid waste management regulations as required by D.E.P. or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: The Transfer Station site was never “assigned” for solid waste activities by the DEP. State regulations also require the site have a “Permit to Operate” which must be prepared by an engineer and submitted to DEP for approval.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated in Article 22 of the May 2005 Special Town Meeting for the Triennial Recertification of the Town’s values for the purpose of conducting recently mandated interim year adjustments for all classes of property or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors

Explanation: The Department of Revenue has mandated that assessed values must be reviewed annually and adjusted to reflect 100% assessment every year.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or stabilization funds to be added to the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 107, support staff Part-time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation These funds are required to keep the members of the Call Force available through the end of the fiscal year. The increase is due to an increase in call volume and in use of call members.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or stabilization funds to be added to the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 108 Fire Dept. Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds are required to pay the remaining bills for this fiscal year. Several large repairs to the tower truck caused the expense line to have this shortfall.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or stabilization funds to be added to the amounts appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 106, support staff Full-time or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

Explanation: These funds are required to meet payroll for the remainder of this fiscal year. An increase in calls and several serious windstorms last summer caused this shortfall.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 14, Legal Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: These funds are needed to cover the Legal expense for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 18, Utilities or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The increase in fuel and energy costs have depleted the Utility Line.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 20 Town Building Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is requested to replenish the Town Building Expense line, which includes custodial supplies and maintenance repairs for the Town Hall, Senior Center and Library.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 31 Selectmen's Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is requested to cover Selectmen's expenses for tuition reimbursement for the clerical staff

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 12 Computers Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is requested to cover the costs for computer services, repairs and replacement of the server.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 16 Engineering Expense or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: This transfer is requested to cover the engineering costs for various town projects.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 110, Other Tuition & Transportation of and/or Free Cash to be added to the amount appropriated to the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 6 Town Benefits or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Explanation: This transfer is requested to cover the increase in benefits costs for new hires.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500.00 from amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, line 46, Election Wages and \$500.00 from Line 48, Registrars Wages, for the purpose of restoring and microfilming Town Records or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Explanation: This money would be used to restore Book I, Births, Marriages and Deaths from the early 1800's which, until recently, was thought to have been lost until it was found in the deep recesses of the Town Hall cellar in very poor condition. Other books from the 1800's are Marriage Intentions, the Pauper Registry and the Overseers of the Poor.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from free cash and/or Stabilization for the installation and associated work needed for the Cranberry Cove beach septic system, or take any other action hereinto.

Proposed by the Hanson Recreation Commission

Explanation: The septic system for the Cove is in failure and needs to be replaced. Most of the work will be performed by Town departments and through volunteer efforts. However, some of the materials will have to be purchased.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or the amounts appropriated in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 8 Unemployment to be added to the amounts appropriate in the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, line 104, Communication Center Dispatchers, Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

Explanation: These funds are necessary to meet the communications center operating expenses for the balance of this fiscal year.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 –2 Procedures of Town Meeting of the Hanson General By-laws by adopting the follows new section:

Section 12

The Moderator may take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he or she conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required. If the Moderator’s declaration is immediately questioned by seven or more voters, the Moderate shall verify the vote by a count.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Moderator

Explanation: This amendment will afford the Moderator the ability to declare a two-thirds majority on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 –11 Capital Improvement Committee of the Hanson General By-laws, Section 4 by inserting in Line 1 the words “or special” following the word “annual” or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee

Explanation: This amendment will allow the Capital Improvement Committee to submit Capital Improvement articles into a Special Town Meeting Warrant provided that such item has been included on the Capital Improvement plan for that fiscal year.

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and personnel By-Laws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Sections 11A through 11E in its entirety and inserting the new Sections 11A through 11E as printed below:

SECTION 11 A: PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
A. Director of Elder Affairs	35,000 to 55,000	35,000 to 55,000
B. Town Accountant	45,000 to 65,000	45,000 to 65,000
C. Treasurer/Collector	45,000 to 65,000	45,000 to 65,000
D. Inspectors of Building	40,000 to 60,000	40,000 to 60,000
E. Health Agent	40,000 to 60,000	40,000 to 60,000

SECTION 11 B: ADMINSTRATIVE AND/OR FULL TIME

	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
A. Executive Assistant	18.00 to 25.00	18.00 to 25.00
B. Assistant to Police Chief	17.00 to 23.00	17.00 to 23.00
C. Veterans Agent	7,904 to 13,178 yr	7,904 to 13,573 yr
D. Reference Librarian	16.97 to 24.04	16.97 to 24.04
E. Youth Service Librarian	16.97 to 24.04	16.97 to 24.04
F. Animal Control Officer	12.95 to 15.54	12.95 to 16.01
G. Van Drivers/Aide	8.49 to 13.91	8.49 to 14.33
H. Social Day Care Coordinator*	14.85 to 18.54	14.85 to 18.54
I. Camp Kiwanee Caretaker	562.75 wk	579.63 wk

SECTION 11 C: PART TIME POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
A. Assistant Inspector of Building	13.79 to 18.91	13.79 to 19.48
B. Gas Inspector	13.79 to 18.91	13.79 to 19.48
C. Plumbing Inspector	13.79 to 18.91	13.79 to 19.48
D. Wiring Inspector	13.79 to 18.91	13.79 to 19.48
E. Civil Defense Director	988 to 1,181.41 yr	988 to 1,216 yr
F. Police Matron	8.79 to 11.28	8.79 to 11.62
G. Outreach/Seniors*	11.67 to 18.36	11.67 to 18.91

H. Assistant Coordinator*	8.49 to 13.78	8.49 to 14.19
I. Volunteer Services Intergenerational Coordinator*	10.08 to 15.51	10.08 to 15.98
J. Community Recreation Coordinator	9.77	10.06
K. Volunteer Driver*	25.00 per day	25.00 per day
L. Animal Inspector	1,088 to 1,373	1,088 to 1,414
M. Election Clerk	9.00 hr	9.27 hr
N. Election Officer	8.73 hr	8.99 hr
O. Election Warden	9.57 hr	9.86 hr
P. Registrar of Voters	8.52 to 10.99	8.52 to 11.32
Q. Assistant Caretaker**	8.49 to 15.60	8.49 to 16.07
R. Sealer of Weights & Measurers	2,789.00 yr	2,873 yr
S. Milk Inspector	148 to 184 yr	148 to 190 yr
T. Assistant Veterans Agent	10.20 to 13.25	10.20 to 13.65
U. Finance Comm. Secretary	9.14 to 11.55	9.14 to 11.90
V. Emergency Clerical Labor	9.14 to 11.55	9.14 to 11.90

SECTION 11D: SEASONAL POSITIONS

	<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
A. Beach Director	13.00 hr	13.39 hr
B. Water Safety Instructor	10.65 hr	10.97 hr
C. Lifeguards	9.47 hr	9.75 hr
D. Boat Coordinator	8. 59 hr	8. 85 hr
E. Boating Instructor	15.60 hr	16.07 hr
F. Concession Worker	Fed. Min	Fed. Min
G. Recreation Assistant	Fed Min	Fed Min
H. Security	13.76 hr	14.17 hr

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

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

SECTION 11E: CALL FIREFIGHTERS/OFFICERS

		<u>7/1/06</u>	<u>7/1/07</u>
First year Call Firefighters	Tours	15.39 hr	15.03 hr
	Drills	13.05 hr	13.44 hr
	Details	21.91 hr	22.57 hr
First year Call EMT	Tours	15.39 hr	15.85 hr
	Drills	13.81 hr	14.22 hr
	Details	21.91 hr	22.57 hr

Second year Call Firefighters	Tours	15.39 hr	15.85 hr
	Drills	13.81 hr	14.22 hr
	Details	21.91 hr	22.57 hr
Second year Call EMT	Tours	16.14 hr	16.62 hr
	Drills	14.69 hr	15.13 hr
	Details	24.32 hr	25.05 hr
Call Lieutenants	Tours	16.92 hr	17.43 hr
	Drills	15.39 hr	15.85 hr
	Details	25.38 hr	26.14 hr
Call Lieutenants EMT	Tours	17.71 hr	18.24 hr
	Drills	16.14 hr	16.62 hr
	Details	26.53 hr	27.33 hr

\$500.00 stipend will be paid in June of each fiscal year to those call firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an EMT recognized by the State and approved by the Fire Chief. Paramedics will receive a \$1,000.00 stipend.

Or take any other action thereto

Proposed by the Personnel Director

Explanation: This article is voted yearly to set the ranges for Wage & Personnel employees.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 42J of Massachusetts General Laws or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Water Commissioners

Explanation: This is a local option statute and must be accepted by Town Meeting. Eligibility to defer water charges will be limited to those senior citizens who qualify for and actually receive a tax deferral. In the first year that a deferral of water charges is sought, the taxpayer would apply to the Water Commissioners. The Commissioners would notify the Board of Assessors of the water charges to be deferred for the year. The Assessors would then defer the water charges, along with the deferred taxes. Payment of the deferred charges are secured by the same lien statement recorded under Clause 41A(tax deferral). Interest would accrue at the same rate as on deferred taxes (5%).

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 13B of Massachusetts General Laws or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Health

Explanation: This is also a local option statute and must be accepted by Town Meeting. This option will permit qualified low-income senior citizens to defer payment of betterments and other special assessments.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to accept the new local option statute Chapter 59, Section 5L of the Massachusetts General Laws or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's Agent

Explanation: This is also a local option statute that must be accepted by the Town at Town Meeting. This option will allow the Town to permit Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists deployed outside the state to defer paying their taxes without interest or penalties until 180 days after that service. Interest would be charged at the regular delinquency rate from the end of the 180-day period, unless the returning guardsmen/reservists are still on active duty status and qualifies for the lower 6% rate under the Service Members Civil Relief Act.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote at accept M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53D or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

Explanation: Acceptance of this MGL allows the Town to establish a revolving fund for recreation.

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, fifteen 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

A true attest copy

Town Clerk

Date

Constable

Date