

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Town of Hanover

### Warrant for *Special* Town Meeting *With Advisory Committee Recommendations*

Plymouth, SS

Greetings: To any Constable of the Town of Hanover in said County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the University Sports Complex at Starland, 645 Washington Street, HANOVER, on

**MONDAY THE 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.**



*Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Town will make every effort to assure that Town Meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Should any assistance be desired in this regard, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at (781) 826-5000 ext. 1084.*

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## ARTICLES FOR ***SPECIAL*** TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, June 29, 2020

### **ARTICLE 1. PAYMENT OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money or transfer from any available funds, or to transfer from other accounts, to pay such accounts as may be presented against the Town for which an appropriation does not exist, or take any other action relative thereto.

U.S. Bank

\$4,000.00

Director of Finance  
Town Manager

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 to pay an unpaid bill.**

***Commentary:** This Article implements a routine housekeeping procedure and allows the Finance Director to pay invoices presented for payment after the close of a prior fiscal year. Pursuant to State law, a Town Meeting vote is required to accept and pay these outstanding invoices.*

### **ARTICLE 2. UNUSED WATER MAIN APPROPRIATION RETURNED TO WATER RETAINED EARNINGS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of funds authorized but unexpended in Article 34 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, or a greater or lesser sum, and to transfer these funds to Water Retained Earnings, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works  
Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to rescind the Water Main appropriation in Article 34 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, and transfer the remaining \$290,068.07 to Water Retained Earnings.**

***Commentary:** This Article would rescind the funds appropriated for a water main improvement which has been identified by the Department of Public Works as no longer being necessary.*

### **ARTICLE 3. RESCIND COMPLETED WATER PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind projects completed under budget or no longer needed, and return the funds back to the Water Enterprise Undesignated Fund Balance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance  
Director of Public Works

**We move that the Town vote to rescind the following projects completed under budget or no longer needed, as stated below, and return the funds to Water Retained Earnings:**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Original Appropriation</b>	<b>Remaining Balance to Return to Undesignated Fund Balance</b>
Ames Way Repairs	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
4X4 Dual Rear Wheel Dump Truck	\$63,000.00	\$2,557.05
Purch/Equip Water Service Van	\$38,000.00	\$3,074.06
Winter St Water Facility		\$5,266.56

***Commentary:** This Article would rescind the funds appropriated for various old Water Enterprise Fund projects which have been completed or are no longer needed, and would return these funds to provide increased liquidity in this Fund.*

#### **ARTICLE 4. RESCIND COMPLETED PROJECTS BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind borrowing authorizations for projects completed under budget or no longer needed, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to rescind the following borrowing authorizations for projects completed under budget:**

<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Original Appropriation</b>	<b>Remaining Borrowing Authorization to be Rescinded</b>
Generator – Fire Headquarters	\$140,000.00	\$6,255.00
DPW Large Dump Truck FY2017	\$190,000.00	\$20,000.00
DPW 4X4 Pickup	\$38,000.00	\$250.00
DPW One Ton Dump Truck	\$70,000.00	\$6,049.00
DPW Large Dump Truck	\$170,000.00	\$13,474.00
Sylvester Feasibility Study	\$500,000.00	\$10,483.59

**Commentary:** *This Article would rescind the borrowing authorization for the remaining balances in accounts that funded projects which have since been completed under budget. Since these projects have been completed with less than the funds originally believed to be necessary, the borrowing authorization for the unused funds is no longer needed.*

#### **ARTICLE 5. FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$25,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of fully funding the Police Salaries account established by Article 7 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Chief of Police  
Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate to the Fiscal Year 2020 Police Salaries account from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$25,000.00.**

**Commentary:** *This Article would appropriate to the Police Department the amount necessary in Fiscal Year 2020 to support the salary of South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School's (SSVT) School Resource Officer. The cost of this officer is borne entirely by SSVT's budget, and the amount the School has already paid to the Town for this service in Fiscal Year 2020 will contribute to the Town's Free Cash balance to be certified in Fiscal Year 2021. Therefore, providing this service to SSVT is cost-neutral for the Town of Hanover.*

#### **ARTICLE 6. TRANSFER OF SURPLUS BOND PROCEEDS**

To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,302,435.00 to pay costs of the Center/Sylvester School Project, and to determine whether this amount shall be transferred from surplus bond proceeds, or otherwise provided; or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to transfer \$1,302,435.00 from surplus bond proceeds to pay costs of the Center/Sylvester School Project.**

**Commentary:** *This Article would transfer funds that have already been borrowed for a previous School construction project, but which were not needed for this project, to support the Center/Sylvester School renovation and addition project. The re-appropriation of these funds will reduce the amount needed to be long-term borrowed for the Center School Project, reducing the Town's required debt service payments in the future. These proceeds must be allocated to a project the Town would borrow for a length of time of the same or longer duration.*

#### **ARTICLE 7. FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOSTER CARE TRANSPORTATION**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintendent of the Hanover Public Schools, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into Memorandum(s) of Understanding (MOU) with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, the Executive Office of Health and

Human Services, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to obtain Federal Title IV-E reimbursement(s) for foster care transportation and to provide that payments for such foster care transportation under such MOU(s) may be made from such reimbursement(s) as a result of the foster care transportation being performed without appropriation of said reimbursement(s), pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 70, or take any other action relative thereto.

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance  
Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to take the actions laid out in this Article.**

***Commentary:** This Article would allow the Schools to enter into an agreement, subject to the Board of Selectmen's approval, with the state to recoup funds spent on the transportation of foster children to school who had been attending school in Hanover but who have since been moved to foster homes in nearby communities.*

#### **ARTICLE 8. WAIVE DOG LICENSE LATE FEES**

To see if the Town will vote to temporarily waive the \$10 dog license late fee that would have been charged beginning April 1, 2020. The fee has been temporarily waived by the Town Clerk due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related difficulties residents have experienced on so many levels. Said late fee to be reinstated two weeks after the last day of the Commonwealth's "Stay at Home" advisory, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk

**We move that the Town vote to accept this Article as printed in the Warrant.**

***Commentary:** This Article, if approved, would affirm the Town Clerk's decision to waive late fees that would have otherwise been charged to residents for licensing their dogs after April 1, 2020. The Town Clerk chose to stop collecting these late fees due to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

#### **ARTICLE 9. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – LARGE FORMAT SCANNER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds and/or borrow in accordance with Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$10,000 or another sum, to purchase and equip a large format scanner at the direction of the Town Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

**We move that the Town vote to not accept this Article and take no further action.**

**Commentary:** *This Article would fund the purchase of a large format scanner for the Community Development & Municipal Inspections Department. In consultation with the Town Manager we have determined that this appropriation is no longer necessary.*

**ARTICLE 10. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – VIEWPERMIT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds and/or borrow in accordance with Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of \$30,000 or another sum, to upgrade the town's ViewPermit software at the direction of the Town Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

**We move that the Town vote to not accept this Article and take no further action.**

**Commentary:** *This Article would fund the purchase of an upgrade to the Town's ViewPermit software. In consultation with the Town Manager we have determined that this appropriation is no longer necessary.*

And you are hereby ordered to serve this Warrant posting attested copies thereof fourteen days, at least, before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2020.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John C. Tuzik, Chairman

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Emmanuel J. Dockter, Vice Chairman

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Jocelyn Reardon Keegan

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David R. Delaney

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John S. Barry

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\_\_\_\_\_, Constable

Posted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020