

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Town of Hanover

### Warrant for **Annual** Town Meeting

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 HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL, 287 Cedar Street

**MONDAY THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2023 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**Special Town Meeting at 7:00pm**

**Annual Town Meeting at 7:30pm**



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Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### **ARTICLE 1. ACCEPT REPORTS IN ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Committee

### **ARTICLE 2. HEAR/ACCEPT REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & STATE OFFICIALS**

To see if the Town will vote to hear reports of the Committees and State Officials and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

Advisory Committee

### **ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO ACCEPT TRUST FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to accept such trust funds as may be placed in his or her hands during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

### **ARTICLE 4. ASSUME LIABILITY TO ALLOW STATE DEP WORK**

To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 and 29A of Chapter 91 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Environmental Protection, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hanover Select Board

### **ARTICLE 5. SET PAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL – TOWN MODERATOR**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the pay of its elective officer as required by law as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator:       \$100 for Annual Town Meeting  
                      \$100 for Special Town Meeting

Advisory Committee

## **ARTICLE 6. SET PAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL – TOWN CLERK**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the pay of its elective officer as required by law as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Clerk:       \$\_\_\_\_\_ annually

Advisory Committee

## **ARTICLE 7. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REVENUES**

To see if the Town will vote as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate the Town's Community Preservation Revenues for Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

- I. 10% of the said revenues to be set aside for future appropriation for open space (other than open space for recreational use);
- II. 10% of the said revenues to be set aside for future appropriation for historic resources;
- III. 10% of the said revenues to be set aside for future appropriation for community housing;
- IV. 5% of the said revenues to be set aside for administrative expenses; and
- V. The remainder of said revenues to be set aside for future appropriation for any purposes permissible under the Community Preservation Act, Chapter 44B.

Said funds are to be expended for the purposes stated herein within the scope proposed and approved by the Community Preservation Committee and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, by the Town Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee

## **ARTICLE 8. GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$70,408,748 for a General Fund Operating Budget, to provide for a reserve fund, and to defray the expenses of the Town, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of \$1,791,303 from Certified Free Cash, transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Cemetery Graves & Foundations account, transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account, transfer the sum of \$26,530 from the Title V Receipts Reserved account, transfer the sum of \$1,200,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account, transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Wetlands Receipts Reserved account, and raise \$67,280,915 from the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy and other sources, or take any other action relative thereto.

	<i><b>FY2023 Appropriated</b></i>	<i><b>FY2024 Requested</b></i>	<i><b>\$ Change</b></i>	<i><b>% Change</b></i>
<b>General Government:</b>				
Salaries	\$271,538.00	\$272,843.00	\$1,305.00	0.48%
Expenses	\$167,400.00	\$165,922.00	\$(1,478.00)	-0.88%
<b>Finance Department:</b>				
Salaries	\$837,381.00	\$860,723.00	\$23,342.00	2.79%
Expenses	\$219,672.00	\$209,870.00	\$(9,802.00)	-4.46%

<b>Community Development and Municipal inspections:</b>				
Salaries	\$606,275.00	\$624,463.00	\$18,188.00	3.00%
Expenses	\$32,800.00	\$28,800.00	\$(4,000.00)	-12.20%
<b>Community Services:</b>				
Salaries	\$269,819.00	\$121,816.00	<b>\$(148,003.00)</b>	-54.85%
Expenses	\$204,980.00	\$210,664.00	\$5,684.00	2.77%
<b>Library:</b>				
Salaries	\$474,236.00	\$491,776.00	\$17,540.00	3.70%
Expenses	\$148,500.00	\$142,960.00	\$(5,540.00)	-3.73%
<b>Police:</b>				
Salaries	\$4,065,776.00	\$4,135,932.00	\$70,156.00	1.73%
Expenses	\$259,923.00	\$269,767.00	\$9,844.00	3.79%
<b>Fire:</b>				
Salaries	\$3,661,219.00	\$3,920,759.00	\$259,540.00	7.09%
Expenses	\$276,358.00	\$265,682.00	\$(10,676.00)	-3.86%
<b>Hanover Public Schools</b>	\$33,571,915.00	35,031,299.00	\$1,459,384.00	4.35%
<b>South Shore Vocational High School</b>	\$1,054,852.00	\$1,054,852.00	\$-	0.00%
<b>Public Works:</b>				
Salaries	\$3,753,225.00	\$3,873,035.00	\$119,810.00	3.19%
Expenses	\$3,464,022.00	\$3,497,731.00	\$33,709.00	0.97%
<b>Snow &amp; Ice</b>	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$-	0
<b>Debt</b>	\$4,328,274.00	\$4,248,170.00	\$(80,104.00)	-1.85%
<b>Town Wide Expenses</b>	\$9,725,140.00	\$10,356,684.00	\$631,544.00	6.49%
<b>Transfers</b>	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$-	0.00%
<b>Total General Fund Operating Budget</b>	\$68,018,305.00	\$70,408,748.00	\$2,390,443.00	3.51%
Certified Free Cash	2,388,681.00	1,791,303	\$(597,378))	-25.01%
Cemetery Graves & Foundations	65,000.00	65,000.00	\$-	0.00%
Sale of Cemetery Lots	10,000.00	40,000.00	\$30,000.00	300.00%
Title V Receipts Reserved Account	26,530.00	26,530.00	\$-	0.00%
Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	\$-	0.00%
Wetlands Receipts Reserved Accounts	5,000.00	5,000.00	\$-	0.00%
Less Total Transfers	3,695,211.00	3,127,833	\$(567,378)	-15.35%



<b>To be raised by the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy and other sources</b>	\$64,323,094.00	\$67,280,915	\$2,957,821	4.60%
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Town Manager  
Director of Finance

#### **ARTICLE 9. WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$4,571,595 from Water Enterprise receipts to defray Water Enterprise direct costs and that \$463,395 as appropriated in the General Fund Operating Budget be used for Water indirect costs, all to fund the total cost of operations of the Water Enterprise as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

Personnel Services	\$1,849,218.00
Other Expenses	\$1,842,369.00
Debt Service	\$880,008.00
<b>Appropriate for Direct Costs</b>	<b>\$4,571,595.00</b>
Indirect - Reimburse Genersl Fund for Shared Expenses	\$463,395.00
<b>Total Cost - Water Enterprise</b>	<b>\$5,034,990.00</b>

Town Manager  
Director of Public Works  
Director of Finance  
Hanover Select Board

#### **ARTICLE 10. PEG ACCESS & CABLE RELATED FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$475,000 to the PEG Access & Cable Related Fund for the purpose of monitoring compliance of the Town's cable operator with the franchise agreement, preparing for renewal of the franchise license, and providing local cable access services and programming for the Town of Hanover in Fiscal Year 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager  
Director of Finance  
Director of Community Services

#### **ARTICLE 11. ACCEPT CHAPTER 90 ROAD GRANT MONIES**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Hanover Select Board and the Town Manager to accept such sums of money as may be distributed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through

the Chapter 90 highway grant program, so-called, funds to be expended by the Town Manager in accordance with the guidelines and requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Hanover Select Board  
Town Manager  
Director of Public Works

#### **ARTICLE 12. SET LIMITS ON REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to set limits on the Revolving Funds set forth in Section 6-31 of the Town of Hanover General By-Laws in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E1/2 as follows, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Limit on Spending</b>
Library	\$15,000
Recreation Fund	\$35,000
GATRA	\$160,000
Forge Pond Park	\$45,000
Council on Aging	\$50,000
Public Health Clinic	\$140,000
Public Safety Vehicles	\$250,000

Town Manager  
Director of Finance

#### **ARTICLE 13. CORRECT SPELLING OF LUDDAM'S FORD PARK TO LUDDEN'S FORD PARK TO HONOR JAMES LUDDEN - GOVERNOR WINTHROP'S 1632 GUIDE TO PLYMOUTH COLONY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the official re-naming of "Luddam's Ford Park" to "Ludden's Ford Park" pursuant to Hanover's General Bylaws §3-2(17), or take any other action relative thereto.

Hanover Historical Commission  
Hanover Historical Society  
Hanover Conservation Commission  
Pembroke Historical Society  
Pembroke Conservation Commission  
Weymouth Historical Society

**ARTICLE 14. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS §4-14 – POLICE CHIEF / DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws §4-14, to create the position of Deputy Police Chief, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief  
Town Manager

**ARTICLE 15. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS §6-14 – WETLANDS PROTECTION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws (Text under Town Counsel Review),

or take any other action relative thereto.

Conservation Agent  
Conservation Commission

**ARTICLE 16. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS §4-12 – CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws §4-12 as follows:

Adding new §2(2) to §4-12 as follows:

**(2) Administer §6-14 (Wetlands Protection Bylaw) of the General Bylaws of the Town of Hanover**

or take any other action relative thereto.

Conservation Commission

**ARTICLE 17. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE HANOVER ZONING BYLAWS WITH THE INSERTION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW DEFINITIONS – ALPHABETICALLY WITHIN EXISTING SECTION 2.100 – DEFINITIONS:**

**Multi-Family Development:**

A residential development designed and constructed to provide housing for individuals and/or families comprised of multiple units in a single building. For purpose of this definition a multi-family development consists of three (units) plus.

**Recreation Uses:**

- (a) Public recreation use - a place of assembly either indoors or outdoors specifically for active or passive recreation available for use by the general public where no fee for use is required. For example, parks, athletic fields, playgrounds
- (b) Private commercial recreation use – a place of assembly either indoors or outdoors for active and passive recreational uses specifically available for a fee and/or membership

fee - for profit business. For example, sports facilities and/or fields, bowling facilities, fitness centers

- (c) Non-Profit/Educational Recreation – a place of assembly either indoors or outdoors specifically for active or passive recreational uses available for a reduced fee based on the organizations tax exemption status as a non-profit. For example, nature centers, YMCA's, field houses and turf fields associated with educational use.

**Business and/or Professional Office:**

A building or portion thereof where services, clerical work, professional duties, and related activities are carried out. Services offered are on an individual basis as opposed to services performed on objects or personal property. Business/professional offices include, but are not limited to, brokerage offices, insurance offices, professional offices (i.e., accountants, engineers, lawyers, etc.), real estate offices, ticket offices, travel agencies, or any similar type of profession. Business/professional offices do not include banks, personal retail services or medical health care facilities.

**Bank:**

An establishment where money is stored for savings or commercial purposes or is invested, supplied for loans or exchanged. This does not include a free-standing Automated Teller Machine (ATM) unless such ATM is located on the same lot as a branch of the controlling bank.

**Medical Health Care Facilities:**

A facility, other than a hospital, where human patients, who are not lodged overnight, are treated by physicians, dentists, therapists, other health professionals or similar professions related to the health and wellness of the human's body and mind. Such facility may include ancillary medical laboratory, rehabilitation, and pharmacy services, as well as a restaurant or cafeteria, or the retail sale of gifts, books and magazines, and other sundries. Examples may include Health Clinics; Physician or Dentist Offices, Massage Therapists; Holistic medicine, Physical Therapy Clinics; Reiki Clinics; Acupuncture Clinics; Chiropractic Clinics; Mental Health Therapists. This does not include any uses considered Personal Services – Body Related.

**Medical Laboratory:**

A facility for the analysis of blood, tissue, or other human medical products.

**Warehouse:**

A fully enclosed building used for the storage of materials and/or equipment. See also Distribution.

**Distribution, Retail:**

A use where goods are received and/or stored for delivery to the ultimate retail customer at remote locations. This use generally has greater traffic generation than Distribution, Wholesale/Bulk, as there are more frequent delivery trips to individual homes and businesses. See also Warehouse.

**Distribution, Wholesale/Bulk:**

A use where goods are received and/or stored for delivery to the ultimate wholesale or bulk customer at remote locations. This use generally has lesser traffic generation than Distribution, Retail, as there are less frequent delivery trips with larger orders per trip. See also Warehouse.

**Manufacturing Facility:**

A facility used for the processing, fabrication, packaging and/or assembling, and storage of goods or products manufactured from raw materials occurring on the premises. Said facility may include office space that shall be up to 25% of the gross floor area of manufacturing facility support such activity located on the same lot.

Or take any other action relative thereto,

Planning Board

*Background: These definitions were found to be needed in the daily review of zoning to clearly address uses and/or structures.*

**ARTICLE 18. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS RELATIVE TO GRANDFATHERED PROJECT APPROVALS UNDER SECTION 5.040 AS FOLLOWS (BOLD & UNDERLINE DENOTES NEW LANGUAGE FOR INSERTION):**

Grandfathered Project Approvals: The following projects shall be allowed or permitted, notwithstanding non-compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw or amendments thereto provided that such construction is commenced within ~~six (6) months~~ **twelve (12) months** after the issuance of the permit and, in cases involving construction, such construction is continued through to completion as continuously and expeditiously as is reasonable.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

*Background – Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016 amended General Laws Chapter 40A, §6 by extending the time period for commencing construction or operations under a building or special permit from six months to twelve months. Revising Hanover Zoning Bylaw to be consistent with MA General Laws.*

**ARTICLE 19. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS RELATIVE TO TIME LIMITATIONS ON VARIANCE OR SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTS UNDER SECTION 13.200 BY DELETING THE FOLLOWING EXISTING LANGUAGE (ITALIC) TO BE REPLACED BY NEW LANGUAGE (BOLD & UNDERLINE):**

*Any variance or Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board shall lapse one (1) year from the grant thereof if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date except for good cause as determined by the applicable Board.*

**Any variance granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals shall lapse one (1) year from the grant thereof if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date. If requested thirty (30) days prior to expiration, the Board may grant a one-time six (6) month extension for good cause as determined by the applicable Board.**

**Any Special Permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board shall lapse three (3) years from the grant thereof if a substantial use thereof has not sooner**

**commenced or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date. If requested thirty (30) days prior to expiration, the applicable Board may grant an extension for good cause, the date of expiration to be determined by the applicable Board.**

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

*Background – Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016 amended General Laws Chapter 40A, §6 by extending the time period for commencing construction or operations under a building or special permit from six months to twelve months. Revising Hanover Zoning Bylaw to be consistent with MA General Laws.*

**ARTICLE 20. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE HANOVER ZONING BYLAWS TO PROHIBIT DIGITAL MESSAGE BOARDS.**

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend Section 5 of the Hanover Sign Bylaw to read as follows:

Article 5. Movement, Illumination and Color

5.1. Movement:

No sign shall contain any moving, flashing or animated lights, or visible moving or moveable parts., ~~except such portions of a sign that consist solely of indicators of time or temperature.~~ Automatically or Manually changing message signs may be permitted in the case of gas stations, movie or stage theaters or such other circumstances that the Sign Officer may permit upon finding that such sign does not derogate from the intent of this bylaw.

5.1.1 Digital Message Boards:

Digital Message Boards are prohibited.

~~Notwithstanding the above provision and upon applying for and the granting of a Permit by the Planning Board acting as the as Permit Granting Authority, Digital Message Board signs are allowed in Commercial, Business, and Planned Shopping Center districts. Elements to be reviewed and regulated in allowing a Permit shall include, but not limited to the following:~~

~~(a) Digital Message Boards can only display goods and services available at the petitioner's place of business.~~

~~(b) There shall be only one (1) Digital Message Board allowed per property.~~

~~(c) Digital Message Boards shall display static images only.~~

~~(d) Digital Message Boards may change their static images no more than once every fifteen minutes (15)~~

~~as a free standing, monument, or wall sign. In addressing this issue, the Planning Board may review sight distances and speed limits on surrounding roads.~~

~~(e) Transitions from one static image to the next shall appear instantaneously without the appearance of flashing, animation or movement of any kind.~~

~~(f) The background of any Digital Message Board shall remain a consistent color and intensity from one message to the next.~~

~~(g) Such sign shall come equipped with automatic dimming technology that automatically adjusts the sign's brightness based on ambient light conditions.~~

~~(h) No electronic message center sign shall exceed a brightness level of 3.0 foot candles above ambient light as measured using a foot candle meter and a distance of 50 feet from the display.~~

~~(i) Digital Message Boards shall meet the dimensional requirements outlined in Article 7.2.b. and Article 7.2.c of the Sign Bylaw.~~

~~(j) During a public safety event, the petitioner shall make the Digital Message Board accessible to the Town of Hanover's public safety departments.~~

~~Landscaping: The area surrounding the base of all freestanding and monument Digital Message Boards shall be attractively landscaped. Landscaping shall include low shrubbery, flowers or other such plantings that will not exceed one and half (1 ½) feet in height. These plantings will serve to obscure the supporting structure of the sign, while adding to overall appearance of the property.~~

~~Site Plan Approval: All Digital Message Board signs shall be included as an element of all Site Plan Approval applications Section 10 of the Hanover Zoning Bylaws. The application shall include the location, size, and height of all signs existing and proposed on the property. Applicants may be required to document signs on adjacent property if the Planning Board determines the circumstances warrant such review to reach an informed decision.~~

## 5.2. Illumination:

Signs may be illuminated only by the following means:

~~(a) By a white, steady stationary light of reasonable intensity, shielded and directed solely at the sign.~~

~~(b) By a white interior light of reasonable intensity.~~

~~(c) By a white, steady stationary light of reasonable intensity "back lighting" a Fully Attached Sign.~~

~~(d) Neon tubes or similar devices are not permitted except a window sign which meets the provisions of Article 7, and may utilize such a tube if such sign contains no more than two colors, is not moving or flashing and is less than one and one half (1 ½) square feet in overall area.~~

## 5.3. Color:



No sign shall contain more than six colors excluding the background and frame. No sign shall contain colored lights, interior or exterior.

**5.4. Holiday Decorations:**

Holiday decorations shall not be subject to this by-law.

**5.5. Interior Signs:**

The provisions of the by-law shall apply not only to exterior signs but also to interior signs which are so placed as to be visible through windows, doors or other openings from the exterior.

**5.6. Three Dimensional Signs:**

No sign shall be permitted which is dependent upon a three dimensional effect as a design element. This specifically shall apply to (but shall not be limited to) reproductions of products, packages, emblems, trade marks and the like.

**5.7. Flags:**

Nothing in this by-law shall prevent the flying of one American Flag and/or one State Flag on the same pole or poles, or halyard on a lanyard and one flag not to exceed 12 square feet in area which incorporates a trade mark, logotype or similar device directly related to the business or residence located on the lot.

**5.8. Prohibited Signs:**

Digital Message Boards, flashing, moving or animated signs or signs designed to attract attention by a change in light intensity or by repeated motion, which such change or motion is generated by or internal to the sign itself, and internally illuminated signs are prohibited.

By Petition: Elizabeth Corbo  
Maura Longueil  
Brendan Longueil  
Scott Fader  
Lori Coughlin

**ARTICLE 21. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE SIGN BYLAW  
ARTICLE 5 (MOVEMENT, ILLUMINATION, COLOR) FOR THE TOWN BY  
DELETING THE FOLLOWING EXISTING LANGUAGE UNDER 5.1.1:**

**5.1.1 Digital Message Boards:**

Notwithstanding the above provision and upon applying for and the granting of a Permit by the Planning Board acting as the as Permit Granting Authority, Digital Message Board signs are allowed in Commercial, Business, and Planned Shopping Center districts. Elements to be reviewed and regulated in allowing a Permit shall include, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Digital Message Boards can only display goods and services available at the petitioner's place of business.
- (b) There shall be only one (1) Digital Message Board allowed per property.
- (c) Digital Message Boards shall display static images only.



(d) Digital Message Boards may change their static images no more than once every fifteen minutes (15) as a free standing, monument, or wall sign. In addressing this issue, the Planning Board may review sight distances and speed limits on surrounding roads.

(e) Transitions from one static image to the next shall appear instantaneously without the appearance of flashing, animation or movement of any kind.

(f) The background of any Digital Message Board shall remain a consistent color and intensity from

one message to the next.

(g) Such sign shall come equipped with automatic dimming technology that automatically adjusts the sign's brightness based on ambient light conditions.

(h) No electronic message center sign shall exceed a brightness level of 3.0 foot candles above ambient light as measured using a foot candle meter and a distance of 50 feet from the display.

(i) Digital Message Boards shall meet the dimensional requirements outlined in Article 7.2.b. and Article 7.2.c of the Sign Bylaw.

(j) During a public safety event, the petitioner shall make the Digital Message Board accessible to the Town of Hanover's public safety departments.

**Landscaping:** The area surrounding the base of all freestanding and monument Digital Message Boards shall be attractively landscaped. Landscaping shall include low shrubbery, flowers or other such plantings that will not exceed one and half (1 ½) feet in height. These plantings will serve to obscure the supporting structure of the sign, while adding to overall appearance of the property.

**Site Plan Approval:** All Digital Message Board signs shall be included as an element of all Site Plan Approval applications Section 10 of the Hanover Zoning Bylaws. The application shall include the location, size, and height of all signs existing and proposed on the property. Applicants may be required to document signs on adjacent property if the Planning Board determines the circumstances warrant such review to reach an informed decision.

(Approved May 3, 2016) (Approved by the Attorney General August 23, 2016)

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

*Background: The Attorney General's Letter of 8/23/16 specifically noted the conflict of the language of a Special Permit requirement in a General Bylaw vs. a Zoning Bylaw. Special Permits fall within zoning under MGL chap. 40A section 9.*

**ARTICLE 22. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE HANOVER ZONING BYLAWS WITH THE INSERTION OF A NEW SECTION FOR DIGITAL MESSAGE BOARDS AS FOLLOWS:**

New Zoning Bylaw Section 5.900 Special Permit for Digital Message Boards

**5.910 Purpose:** This section of the Zoning Bylaw is adopted pursuant to MGL chap. 40A Section 9 for the regulation of new Digital Message Boards and the enlargement/structural alteration of any existing free-standing signage to add a Digital Message Board component in accordance the zoning requirements below and those of the Hanover Sign Bylaw. This Special Permit review will ensure the visual environment of signage on public ways and signage on private property (as viewed from public ways) with Digital Message Boards can be done with consideration of vehicular and pedestrian safety, convenience, aesthetics, and scenic beauty of the area as well as the welfare of the general public from distracted driving and any visual obstructions.

For the purpose of this section, the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) shall be the Planning Board. All Digital Message Boards shall require a Special Permit approval from the SPGA.

**5.920 Definition:** A digital message board is defined as an electronic visual on-screen programmable communication device used with changeable message(s) and/or for the purpose to advertise goods and services at the site. Digital Message Boards cannot have any scrolling, flashing, moving or animated pictures/features that would distract motorists.

**5.930 Allowed by Special Permit:** Digital Message Boards are allowed by Special Permit in the following Districts: Business, Commercial, Fireworks, Industrial, Limited Industrial and Planned Shopping Center District.

**5.940 Prohibitions:**

- A. Digital Message Boards are prohibited in Residence A zones and within any Local Historic Districts in the Town of Hanover.
- B. Digital Message Boards for Nonconforming uses, structures and lots located within a Residential A zone are also prohibited.
- C. Portable Message Boards are prohibited unless utilized by a government authority for public safety or public works purposes.
- D. Notwithstanding provisions of this Section and upon applying for and the granting of a Special Permit by the SPGA, Digital Message Boards shall be reviewed per criteria under Zoning Bylaw Section 5.890 as well as with consideration of the following requirements but not limited to the following:
  - (1) Digital Message Boards can only be utilized outdoors by the establishments located on the same lot as the sign. Digital Message Boards are permitted by Special Permit only on free standing signs per the dimensional requirements of the Sign Bylaw –Article 7.2 (c) for standing signs.
  - (2) There shall be only one (1) double face Digital Message Board on a freestanding sign as allowed per property. All electrical connections that service the standing sign with a

Digital Message Board shall be located underground. Upon application the applicant shall identify if other tenants of the building or site that will be advertising on the digital message board. The SPGA may limit the number of users on the Digital Message Board based on existing tenants at time of application and additional future tenants may need to seek modification of the approval for use.

(3) A Digital Message Boards shall not be located within 500' LF (linear feet) from another Digital Messaging Board on the same side of the street and across the street unless waived by the SPGA after a Finding has been made unique circumstances warrant relief. A waiver request shall obtain the approval of the Safety Officer of the Police Department prior to action by the SPGA.

(4) A Digital Message Board shall not be located on free standing signs within 300' LF of a public park, playground, cemetery and open space reservation/area of passively recreation used by the public.

(5) Digital Message Boards shall not exceed a maximum twenty-six (26) square feet of sign area out of the total permissible sixty-six (66) square feet of a standing sign area. The material of the Digital Message Board including color background and lettering shall be provided. The maximum height of a standing sign cannot exceed fifteen (15') feet in height from the ground and no sign area shall be located within the four (4') vertical feet from the ground to bottom of sign. All standing signs shall be located with a minimum horizontal setback of ten (10') feet from any street, right of way, driveway, on-site parking area and loading area (See Sign Bylaw Article 7.3(c)). Information as to the standing sign's dimensions, material, anchorage, coloring and any other construction design aspects shall be provided with the Digital Message Board application information.

(6) A site plan approval under Zoning Bylaws - Section 10 is required locating the proposed and/or existing sign to have a Digital Messaging Board. The application shall include the location and proposed dimensions of all existing and proposed signs on the property. Applicants may be required to document signs on adjacent property if the SPGA determines the circumstances warrant such review to reach an informed decision. Businesses located on corner lots at intersections must locate Digital Messaging Boards on free-standing signs a minimum horizontal distance of thirty – five (35') feet from said intersection. The SPGA can waive this distance after finding a reduced distance will not interfere with traffic patterns, traffic lights and overall public safety. Any waiver request shall obtain the approval of the Safety Officer of the Police Department prior to action by the SPGA.

(7) Digital Message Boards shall display only static images or messages that change once every three (3) minutes to the next message without the appearance of flashing, animation, scrolling or movement of any kind. Digital Message Boards shall not emit any sound. A default design mode shall be incorporated within the Digital Message Board to freeze the sign in one position should it malfunction.

(8) The background of any Digital Message Board shall remain the consistent color of black and the font color and intensity from one message to the next shall be identified at application. No Digital Message Board shall contain more than three (3) font colors identified to the SPGA upon granting approval for issuance of a permit. A Digital Message

Board Special Permit to install shall be valid for one year upon approval and shall seek renewal annually from the SPGA administratively. Upon the conveyance of a property that has a Digital Message Board, the new owner shall be required to obtain a new Special Permit from the SPGA to continue use of the Digital Message Board.

(9) Digital Message Boards shall automatically adjust the intensity of its display according to natural ambient light conditions. Applicants shall provide a written description how the Digital Message Board accomplishes the automatic adjustment.

(10) Each Digital Message Board shall provide ten (10) hours of Public Service Announcement (PSA) time during a month dedicated to the Town of Hanover. The Public Safety Divisions of the Town shall during an emergency event and/or amber alert provide information to the public. Issuance of the Special Permit by the SPGA will provide a process for adherence for working with public safety divisions.

(11) Landscaping: The area surrounding the base of all freestanding Digital Message Boards signs shall be attractively landscaped. Landscaping shall include low shrubbery, flowers or other such plantings that will not exceed one and half (1 ½) feet in height. These plantings will serve to obscure the supporting structure of the sign, while adding to overall appearance of the property.

**5.950 Special Permit Granting Approval Criteria and Findings:** In each deliberation and review of an application for a Special Permit the SPGA shall include Findings within their decision that addresses the following criteria for approval:

- A. The proposed Digital Message Board has complied with the dimensional requirements of this Section and the Hanover Sign Bylaw as it relates to standing signs and has been designed to complement the aesthetics of the general area. No excessive demand on electrical services is required and distancing requirements have been met unless waived by the SPGA for unique circumstances.
- B. The proposed Digital Message Board will not impede any line of sight for motorists to see other vehicles and/or pedestrians. The SPGA has reviewed all traffic safety measures as to public safety and taken under consideration other existing signage and Digital Message Boards along roadway corridor.
- C. The proposed Digital Message Board has been designed to be in keeping with the building architecture on the host lot along with required setbacks from other Digital Message Boards and the general characteristics of the surrounding businesses within the zoning district.
- D. Adequate landscaping around the base of the free-standing sign has been proposed.
- E. The proposed Digital Messaging Board has been equipped with technology sufficient in addressing any to adjustment to the brightness to prevent excessive glare and light pollution to any adjoining residential properties. In addition, timing technology to shut the digital message board off at designated hours as determined by the SPGA has been provided.
- F. The proposed Digital Messaging Board has made accommodations for Public Service Announcements in the case of an emergency to allow use by the public safety divisions.

Or take any other action relative thereto

Planning Board

*Background: In 2016, Hanover Annual Town Meeting amended the Sign Bylaw and the Attorney General in August of 2016 disapproved sections as it related to the issuance of a Special Permit. In 2022, the Planning Board was made aware the existing Sign Bylaw was never amended as required by the Attorney General. The Planning Board has proposed a separate article to delete Digital Message Boards out of the Sign Bylaw. The proposed Digital Message Board Bylaw is now proposed to be located in the Zoning Bylaw and additional language has been added for this new section as to criteria and findings by the Special Permit Granting Authority (Planning Board) who would be issuing Special Permits.*

**ARTICLE 23. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS RELATIVE TO USES ALLOWED IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT - ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USES UNDER SECTION 6.110 (G) BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING (BOLD & UNDERLINE DENOTES NEW LANGUAGE FOR INSERTION):**

G. **Any detached** accessory building and uses **less than 800 SF**.

And further Amending Section 6.130 Uses Permitted by Special Permits from the Planning Board by adding new language as follows (**Bold & Underline denotes new language for insertion**):

**H. Any detached accessory building and uses that exceeds 801 SF located on a lot with a principal use**

Or take any other action relative thereto,

Planning Board

*Background: Similar to residential uses, accessory structures in Business Districts are not subject to review unless the threshold of ZBL Section 10.030 is triggered. Review for parking, emergency accessibility, building and lot coverage should be performed through review process as to their impacts on adjacent properties.*

**ARTICLE 24. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE ZONING BYLAWS RELATIVE TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES UNDER SECTION 5.300 AS FOLLOWS (BOLD & UNDERLINE DENOTES NEW LANGUAGE FOR INSERTION):**

A detached accessory structure, including but not limited to, a garage, tool shed, or swimming pool, may be erected in the rear or side yard only, provided that it conforms with the setback requirements of the zoning district in which it is located **and is located on the same lot as the principal use. Any accessory detached structure that exceeds 800 SF in size shall be required to obtain a Special Permit and Site Plan Review from the Planning Board acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) prior to issuance of a building permit. The SPGA**

**shall consider the following in their deliberations for issuance of a Special Permit and Site Plan Review:**

- (a) Proposed accessory structure will not alter the character of the premises in which it is located**
- (b) Proposed accessory structure will not have an adverse effect on the aesthetics of buildings or structures in the neighborhood. Accessory structures that are greater than 800 square feet shall generally match the exteriors of the principal structure in terms of types of materials, percentages of materials, and color,**
- (c) Proposed accessory structure will not produce noise, odors or glare observable at the lot lines in amounts per the Hanover General and Zoning Bylaws clearly detrimental to the normal use of adjacent property.**

An addition to a principal building shall be considered an integral part thereof and may be allowed or permitted only if it conforms with all applicable setbacks of the district in which the principal building is located. To be considered an accessory to the use of a dwelling unit, a swimming pool shall be used by the residents of the premises and their guests only. The pool shall be securely fenced to a height of not less than four (4) feet.

And take any further action thereto,

Planning Board

*Background: In residential districts, the Town has seen a recent trend of large detached accessory structures being constructed for a variety (non-agricultural) uses that are much larger than traditional accessory uses; Resulting in multiple large structures in single family neighborhoods and increasing overall building coverage on the lot with no review process as to their impacts.*

**ARTICLE 25. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE HANOVER ZONING BYLAWS UNDER SECTION 6 – USE REGULATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 6.110 – Business District – Uses Allowed – Under Item “K” **delete the following** “Medical uses to include medical outpatient clinic, health care facilities, and or medical offices or dentist offices. Allowed uses shall be in accordance with local, state and federal regulation”

Section 6.130 – Business District - Uses permitted by Special Permit from the Planning Board – Add a **new** item “G” Medical Health Care Facilities.

Section 6.220 – Commercial District – Uses Permitted by Special Permit – Add a **new** item “O” Medical Health Care Facilities.

Or take any other action relative thereto

Planning Board



*Background: The existing zoning bylaw provides no definition for the medical uses described in Section 6.110 therefore as part of another proposed amendment Medical Health Care Facilities has been defined with a variety of new medical uses under Section 2.00. Today medical uses encompass different sectors of medicine and medical processes that are being located in both retail and commercial areas – greater review is needed as to their proposed locations due such uses being large traffic and parking generators.*

**ARTICLE 26. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AMEND THE HANOVER ZONING BYLAWS UNDER SECTION 9 – PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS - SUBSECTION 9.010 - TABLE 9-1 (MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS) BY ADDING A NEW TYPE OF USE AND MINIMUM REQUIRED PARKING SPACES IN THE COLUMNS (BOLD & UNDERLINE DENOTES NEW LANGUAGE FOR INSERTION):AS FOLLOWS:**

New “Type of Use” (column)

New “Minimum Required Parking Spaces” (column)

**Medical Health Care Facilities**

**Two (2) parking spaces per exam room, plus employee parking areas and adequate loading and service areas.**

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

*Background: Medical Health Care Facilities have become significantly large parking generators because of the nature of the medical uses served. This is a companion amendment to the proposed amendment of Zoning bylaw Section 6.110, 6.130 and 6.220 as to the review of Medical Health Care Facilities.*

#### **ARTICLE 27. AMEND PLANNING OFFICE FEES**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Article 6-18 of the Hanover General Bylaws, as amended at the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting, to approve a change in fees for all applicable permits to the Department of Community Development and Municipal Inspections, Planning Office with an effective date of July 1, 2023, in accordance with the following table, and to allow the Department of Community Development and Municipal Inspections, Planning Office to update the Fee Schedule on file with the Town Clerk accordingly, or take any other action relative thereto:

#### **SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW**

<b>Application Type/Permit Fee</b>	<b>Base Fee *</b>	<b>Additional Review</b>
Approval Not Required (ANR)	\$300 base fee	Plus \$250 each additional buildable lot
Preliminary Plan	\$1,000.00	
Definitive Plan	\$2,000.00 per buildable lot	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G)
Definitive Plan Major Modification	50% of original subdivision base fee	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) if modification requires it.
Scenic Road and/or Shade Tree Application	\$100.00 base fee	

***\*Unless otherwise noted all applications that require public hearings will be direct bill to applicants for legal advertisement in newspaper and postage for notifying abutters these costs are not part of base fee.***

**ZONING (SPECIAL PERMIT, SITE PLAN REVIEW & ZONING RELATED TOWN MEETING APPLICATIONS)**

<b>Application Type/Permit Fee</b>	<b>Base Fee*</b>	<b>Additional Review</b>
Special Permit (Use only no exterior changes) and no Site Plan Review	\$500.00 base fee	
Special Permit with Site Plan Review	\$1,000.00 base fee	Plus, applicable site plan review fees
Special Permit – Retreat Lot (ZBL Sec. 6.030)	\$1,000.00 base fee	Applicants will be subject to ANR fee once submitted for endorsement
Special Permit – Common Driveway (ZBL Sec. 5.870)	\$1,000.00 base fee	
Special Permit – Floodplain (ZBL Sec. 6.770) within Water Resource Protection District (ZBL Sec 6.800)	\$500.00 base fee (in addition to other Special Permit & Site Plan Review)	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Special Permit – Planned Residential Development for Seniors (PRDS – ZBL Sec. 6.040)	\$1,000.00 per unit proposed	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Special Permit – Reduction in parking <b>NOT</b> in conjunction with any other application (ZBL Sec. 9.300)	\$500.00 base fee	Reduction greater than 100 spaces \$1,000.00 base fee



Special Permit – Accessory structure over 800 SF (residential & business)	\$500.00 base fee	.15 cents per SF of building floor area
Special Permit – Digital Message Board (ZBL Sec. 5.900)	\$500.00 base fee	
Special Permit – final grade change 1’ over 500 SF (ZBL. Sec. 7.660)	\$500.00 base fee	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Major Modification of Special Permit	50% of the original application fee	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Site Plan review only <b>NO</b> Special Permit (residential & business)	\$2,000.00 base fee	.15 cents per Gross Floor Area (GFA)  \$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Non-Profit Entity (MGL 40A sec. 3) – Site Plan Review required because of structure size not use. (ZBL sec. 5.810 & 10.020)	\$1,000.00 base fee	\$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Site Plan Review – nonresidential districts – new building construction 8k SF or an addition of 5k SF to existing - no Special Permit for Use – only Site Plan Review (ZBL Sec 10.30)	\$2,000.00 base fee	.15 cents per SF of new building floor area  \$6,000.00 Consultant Fee (MGL 53G) may be required by PB
Limited Site Plan Review (ZBL Sec. 10.400)	\$500.00 base fee	.15 cents per SF of building floor area & SF of paved area
Site Plan Review Major Modification	50% original base fee	
Request for <u>Rezone</u> of Property to go before Town Meeting.	No application fee	Applicant pays cost of legal advertisement & abutters notice for required statutory public hearing.
Request for <u>Zoning</u> Amendment to go before Town Meeting.	No application fee	Applicant pays cost of legal advertisement & abutters notice for required statutory public hearing.

***\*Unless otherwise noted all applications that require public hearings will be direct bill to applicants for legal advertisement in newspaper and postage for notifying abutters these costs are not part of base fee.***

Or take any other action relative thereto,

Planning Board

## **ARTICLE 28. AUTHORIZE SELECT BOARD TO PURCHASE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO POND STREET WELLS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to purchase parcel 30-12 Hanover Street adjacent to the Pond Street Wells, or take any other action relative thereto.

Select Board  
Town Manager

**ARTICLE 29. ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 40, §8J ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON DISABILITY**

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter, §8J Establishing a Commission on Disability.

Select Board

**ARTICLE 30. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – TOWN EVENT FUNDING – WINTERFEST AND HANOVER DAY**

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 \$50,000, or another sum, to fund Town of Hanover costs required to run Winterfest and Hanover Day, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

**ARTICLE 31. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – CEDAR SCHOOL SECURITY**

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 \$700,000, or another sum, to improve interior and exterior security of the Cedar School, including but not limited to reconstructing the vestibule and administrative offices, improving the perimeter approach, enhancements to interior and exterior security, and other related work, or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee  
School Superintendent  
DPW Director

**ARTICLE 32. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – SPED RESERVE**

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 up to \$500,000 or another sum for the Special Education Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

School Superintendent

**ARTICLE 33. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – THREE (3) DPW VEHICLES AND VEHICLE LIFT**

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 up to \$540,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip the following equipment:

Medium duty (10,000 to 16,000 pound) utility body truck with plow;

Class 2 (6,000 to 10,000 pound) pickup truck with plow;

Mid-Size Wheel Loader;

14,000 to 16,000-pound capacity vehicle maintenance lift;

Said purchase and equipping to be done at the direction of the Town Manager who is authorized to sell or make appropriate trade-ins, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works

*This article will provide scheduled replacement of three vehicles that are reaching the end of their expected life. In addition it will provide funds to replace a vehicle lift in the mechanic's work bay which is currently used to maintain and repair a variety of Town vehicles.*

#### **ARTICLE 34. APPROPRIATE FUNDS -MIDDLE SCHOOL WATER MAIN**

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 \$500,000, or another sum, for the replacement of the water main, water service, and related work at the Hanover Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works

*This article will replace the existing 8-inch water main in the driveway of the Hanover Middle School with a new 8-inch water main and a new water service. The existing water main was installed when the building was built. The water main has had two significant water breaks and the pipe thickness of the walls of the water main suggest the main may not support fire operations if needed. The proposed work will install a new ductile iron water main, a new 2-inch water service to the school to improve water quality, and restore the driveway and sidewalk going into the school.*

#### **ARTICLE 35. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – AIR STRIPPER REPLACEMENT**

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 \$350,000, or another sum, for the replacement of the air stripper at the Beal water treatment plant, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works

*This article will replace the air stripper at the Beal water treatment plant which is reaching the end of its expected life. The air stripper removes radon gas and carbon dioxide from the raw water at the Beal water treatment plant. The existing air stripper was installed when the plant was built in 1994, has had several leaks which have been repaired, and inspection of the unit has shown that the walls of the stripper are becoming too thin to successfully repair. Failure of the air stripper would result in the plant having to be taken out of service.*

**ARTICLE 36. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – KING STREET WATER MAIN**

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 \$875,000, or another sum, for the replacement of the water main, and related work on King Street from Briarwood Drive to the Hanson town line, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director

*This article will replace the existing 8-inch cast iron water main on King Street from Briarwood Drive to the Hanson town line with a new 8-inch cement lined ductile iron water main. The existing segment of water main is approximately 70-75 years old and is suspected of contributing to deteriorating water quality on the far end of King Street due to bleeding of iron and manganese deposits on the interior walls of the pipe. Additional water main replacement and or cleaning and lining of water mains on King Street and Circuit Street north of Forge Pond may be needed in the future to further improve water quality.*

**ARTICLE 37. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – HANOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT CARDIAC MONITORS**

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 up to \$200,000 or another sum for the purchase, installation, training, and associated supplies of Hanover Fire Department Cardiac Monitors and other associated advanced equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief  
Town Manager

**ARTICLE 38. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – HANOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND VEHICLE**

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 up to \$80,000 or another sum to purchase and equip a Hanover Fire Department Command Vehicle, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief  
Town Manager

**ARTICLE 39. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – TWO (2) HANOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT CRUISERS**

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 up to \$150,000 or another sum to purchase and equip two (2) Hanover Police Department Cruisers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief  
Town Manager

#### **ARTICLE 40. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – E-CODE SOFTWARE**

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 up to \$18,000 or another sum for the purchase and licensing of E-Code Software, or take any other action relative thereto.

CDMI Director  
Planning Board

#### **ARTICLE 41. AMEND SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the amended South Shore Regional Vocational School District Agreement which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, copy below, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Agreement Among the Towns of  
Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield,  
Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman,  
Massachusetts with Respect to the Establishment of  
a Vocational Regional High School District

This Regional Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) , as amended, by and among the Towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, and Whitman (hereinafter sometimes known as "member towns"). The District shall be called the South Shore Regional Vocational School District (hereinafter sometimes known as the "District").

This revised agreement replaces the previous agreement approved in 2018 and all other agreements or amendments.

In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:

#### **SECTION I – THE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

##### **(A) Composition**

The District School Committee (hereinafter sometimes known as the "Committee") shall consist of one member from each member town each with one vote. Each member shall be appointed by the respective Select Board in each member town.

**(B) Appointed Members**

Not later than June 15 in each year in which the term of a member of the Committee expires, the Select Board of the member town concerned shall appoint one member to serve for a term of three years. The term of each such appointed member shall commence on July 1 of the year in which he or she is appointed.

**(C) Vacancies**

If a vacancy occurs among the members of the Committee, the Select Board of the member town concerned shall appoint a member to serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

**(D) Organization**

At the first scheduled meeting after July 1, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chair and a vice chair from among its own membership. At the same meeting, or at any other meeting, the Committee shall appoint a treasurer and secretary, who may be the same person but who need not be members of the Committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, determine the terms of office of its officers (except the chair and vice-chair who shall be elected annually) and prescribe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place for its regular meetings, and provide for the calling of special meetings.

**(E) Powers and Duties**

The Committee shall have all the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by this Agreement and such other additional powers and duties as are specified in Sections 16 to 16I, inclusive, of MGL Chapter 71 and any amendments thereof or additions thereto now or hereafter enacted, or as may be specified in any other applicable general or special law. In the event that provisions conflict with any MGL, the MGL shall prevail.

**(F) Quorum**

Unless otherwise specified by law, the quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Committee, but a number less than the majority may adjourn.

**SECTION II – LOCATION OF REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL**

The District School (South Shore Regional Vocational Technical High School) shall be located in the Town of Hanover, or any other member town, provided, however, that the Committee may establish and locate satellite facilities in any member town.

**SECTION III – TYPE OF REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL**

The District School shall be a Vocational High School consisting of grades nine through twelve (9 – 12), inclusive. The Committee is hereby authorized to establish and maintain such kinds of education as may be provided by towns under provisions of MGL Chapter 74 and acts amendatory thereof, in addition thereto or dependent thereon. The Committee may also provide self funding programs beyond the secondary level, either alone or in cooperation with other institutions in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 74, Section 37A, as amended.

**SECTION IV – BUDGET**

**(A) Budget**

The Committee shall annually determine the District's budget consistent with the timelines,

terms and requirements of MGL Chapter 71, Section 16B, as amended, and other pertinent provisions of law and consistent with regulations promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (hereinafter sometimes known as “DESE”).

**(B) Public Budget Hearing and Budget Approval**

After conducting a public hearing consistent with MGL Chapter 71, Section 38N, as amended, the Committee by a minimum two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members, shall annually approve an operating budget for the next fiscal year to maintain and operate the District during the next fiscal year. After deducting the amount of aid the District is to receive, the balance shall be apportioned among the several member towns in accordance with Section V.

The budget will be itemized in such detail as the Committee may deem advisable. Such budget shall be adopted not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the earliest date on which the business session of the annual town meeting of any member town is to be held, but in no event later than March 31, provided that said budget need not be adopted earlier than February 1. The amounts so apportioned for each member town shall be certified by the District treasurer to the treasurers of the member towns within thirty (30) days from the date on which the annual operating budget is adopted by the Committee. The Annual Budget, as adopted by a minimum two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee’s membership, shall then require the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the local appropriating authorities of the member towns. If the Annual Budget is not so approved, the Annual Budget shall be established in accordance with the procedures in MGL Chapter 71, Section 16B.

**SECTION V – APPORTIONMENT AND PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT**

**(A) Classification of Costs**

For the purpose of apportioning assessments by the District to the member towns, costs shall be divided into four (4) categories: operating costs, capital costs, debt, and transportation costs. The Committee shall determine the amount necessary to meet the annual operating, capital, debt, and transportation costs and shall allocate such amount among the member towns.

**(B) Operating Costs**

(1) Operating costs shall include all costs not included in capital, debt, and transportation costs as defined in Sections V (C), (D), and (E), but shall include interest on temporary notes issued by the District in anticipation of revenue.

**(2) Apportionment of Operating Costs**

- a. The total operating costs assessed to each member town will consist of:
  1. its Minimum Local Contribution,
  2. its share of any additional Net School Spending (NSS) costs as defined in MGL Chapter 70, as amended, referred to in this section as its “Above Minimum Contribution”, and
  3. its share of any non-NSS costs.
- b. The aggregate Above Minimum Contribution is arrived at by subtracting from the Net School Spending Operating Budget the following: MGL Chapter 70 aid,



the Minimum Required Combined Local Contributions of all member towns, and other general revenue sources to the District.

This formula is illustrated below:

*Net School Spending Operating Costs (which excludes capital, debt and transportation)*

*- Chapter 70 aid (as calculated by DESE)*  
*- Minimum Required Combined Local Contributions of all member towns (as calculated by DESE)*  
*- Other general revenue sources to the District*  
*= Total Above Minimum Contribution for all member towns*

c. Each member town's proportionate share of the aggregate Above Minimum Contribution and non-NSS operating costs shall be determined based on the number of pupils in grades nine through twelve (9 – 12), inclusive, residing in each member town and receiving education in the South Shore Regional Vocational School District at such town's expense, as reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in the District's previous October 1st Student Information Management System (SIMS) enrollment submission.

**(C) Capital Costs**

(1) Capital costs shall include all expenses described in DESE's Chart of Accounts in the 7000-function code.

(2) Apportionment of Capital Costs Capital costs will be apportioned for the ensuing fiscal year as follows: Each member town's share of the capital costs shall be determined by computing the ratio which the sum of its October 1st SIMS enrollments of the three fiscal years immediately preceding the year in which the Committee votes to include capital cost in the budget bears to the sum of the October 1st SIMS enrollments of all the member towns of the same three fiscal years. For the purpose of this clause, pupil enrollments shall be defined as the number of pupils in grades nine through twelve (9 – 12), inclusive, residing in each member town and receiving education in the District at such town's expense.

**(D) Debt**

(1) Debt shall include the payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations of the District to finance such debt.

(2) Each member town's share of the debt incurred, including the payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations of the District to finance such debt, shall be determined by computing the ratio which the sum of October 1st SIMS enrollments in the District on October 1 of the three fiscal years immediately preceding the year in which



the member towns vote to authorize the incurring of the debt bears to the sum of the October 1st SIMS enrollments of all the member towns in the District on October 1 of the same three fiscal years, and the ratio shall not be changed during the period in which such bonds, notes or other obligations are outstanding, except as provided in Section VIII.

For the purpose of this clause, pupil enrollments shall be defined as the number of pupils in grades nine through twelve (9 – 12), inclusive, residing in each member town and receiving education in the District at such town's expense.

### **(3) Admission of the Town of Marshfield into the District**

- a. Marshfield will contribute a **17.95 %** share of **\$2,184,851**, which represents the anticipated balance in the South Shore Regional Vocational School District stabilization fund as of July 1, 2022. The total amount of Marshfield's share will be **\$392,181**. Marshfield will make annual payments over **10 (ten) years**, starting no later than June 30th of the first fiscal year of their admission to the district. The annual payment amount will be **\$39,218.10**. Accelerated payments will be permitted at the discretion of the town of Marshfield.
- b. **Debt:** Notwithstanding any existing regional agreement language on debt, the following would apply to Marshfield's admission into the district:
  1. In its first fiscal year of membership Marshfield will not be assessed any debt service.
  2. If there is new or existing authorized debt to be paid during Marshfield's second, third, fourth and fifth fiscal years of membership its debt share will adjust with each fiscal year based on its school enrollment as of the most recent October 1st report, divided by the total in-district school enrollment that year.
  3. If there is new or existing authorized debt to be paid during Marshfield's sixth fiscal year, its debt share will be fixed for the duration of the debt based on its October 1, 2028 enrollment report, divided by the total in-district school enrollment that year.
  4. If there is any new authorized debt to be paid during Marshfield's seventh fiscal year of membership that was not fixed previously in #3 above, its debt share will be fixed based on its school enrollment as of the most recent October 1st report, divided by the total in-district school enrollment that year.
  5. If there is any new authorized debt to be paid during Marshfield's eighth fiscal year of membership and beyond that was not fixed previously in #4 above, its debt share shall follow the regional agreement language in Section V.D. which is the same "three fiscal year look back" process for all district towns.

**(E) Transportation**

School transportation shall be provided by the District and each member town's share shall be apportioned in the same manner as operating costs. The aggregate transportation cost shall be decreased by anticipated regional transportation reimbursement prior to apportioning the costs to the member towns.. Each member town's proportionate share of pupil transportation shall be determined based on the number of pupils in grades nine through twelve (9 – 12), inclusive, residing in each member town and receiving education in the District at such town's expense, as reported to DESE in the District's previous October 1st SIMS enrollment submission.

**(F) Times of Payment of Apportioned Costs**

(1) The Total Assessment to a member town will include its share of the Operating, Transportation, Capital and Debt costs.

(2) Each member town shall pay to the District in each year its proportionate share, certified as provided in subsection V (B), (C), (D) and (E) of the operating, capital, debt, and transportation costs. The annual share of each member town shall be paid in equal installments not later than the first days of August, December, April and June of each fiscal year.

**SECTION VI – INCURRING OF DEBT**

Not later than seven days after the date on which the Committee authorizes the incurring of debt, other than temporary debt in anticipation of revenue to be received from member towns, written notice of the date of said authorization, the sum authorized, and the general purpose or purposes for authorizing such debt shall be given to the Select Board in each member town.

The Committee may vote to incur debt consistent with the terms and conditions of MGL Chapter 71, Section 16 (d) paragraph 1, Chapter 71, Section 16 (d) paragraph 2, or Chapter 71, Section 16 (n), as amended.

At the time of taking action to incur debt, and except for the incurring of temporary debt in anticipation of revenue, the Committee, by a simple majority vote, shall use Chapter 71, Section 16 (d) paragraph 1 as amended. The Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members may choose instead to use Chapter 71, Section 16 (n) as amended, or Chapter 71, Section 16 (d) paragraph 2 as amended.

**SECTION VII – AMENDMENTS**

**(A) Limitations**

This Agreement may be amended from time to time in the manner hereinafter provided, but no such amendment shall be made which shall substantially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds, notes or other obligations of the District then outstanding, or the rights of the District to procure the means for payment thereof, provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the admission of a new town or towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of debt of the District represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon.

**(B) Procedure**

Any proposal for amendment, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section IX), may be initiated by a minimum vote of two-thirds (2/3) members of the Committee or by a separate petition from at least two-thirds (2/3) of the member towns. Such petitions shall be signed by at least one hundred (100) registered voters from each of these two-thirds (2/3) member towns. In the case of a proposal for amendment by petition, the said petition shall also contain, at the end thereof, a certification by the clerk of each member town voting as to the number of signatures in the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters (according to the most recent voting list) from that town; and the said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the Committee. In either case, the secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the Select Board of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this Agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such amendment (without the signatures in the case of a proposal by petition). The Select Board of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual town meeting, or a special town meeting called for the purpose, an article stating the amendment. Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by a minimum of two thirds (2/3) of the member towns, acceptance by each member town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid. All amendments must be approved by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Commissioner"). An amendment involving a change in the way that the operating and/or capital costs are assessed may not take effect until the July 1 after a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the member towns and the Commissioner have approved acceptance by the previous December 31.

**SECTION VIII – ADMISSION PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBER TOWNS TO THE DISTRICT**

- (A)** By an amendment of this Agreement adopted under and in accordance with Section VII above, any other town may be admitted to the District upon adoption as therein provided of such amendment and upon acceptance at a special or annual town meeting by a majority vote by the town seeking admission of the Agreement as so amended, acceptance by a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the member towns, each by majority vote, and also upon compliance with such provisions of law and regulations [for example, Code of Massachusetts Regulations; that is, 603 CMR 41.05 (6)] as may be applicable and such terms as may be set forth in such an amendment.
- (B)** The Committee, prior to the admittance of a new member town, will have the option establishing the amount of any additional buy-in costs to that new member town to be included in the District. These additional costs will be clearly articulated to the Regional Planning Committee of the potential new member town and will be made clear to voters prior to that new member town's vote on admission to the District.
- (C)** A new member town may be admitted to the District as of July 1 of any fiscal year, provided that all requisite approvals for such admission, including the Commissioner's approval, shall be obtained no later than the preceding December 31.

**SECTION IX – WITHDRAWAL PROCESS OF MEMBER TOWNS FROM THE DISTRICT**

**(A) Vote Expressing Desire to Withdraw**

Any member town seeking to withdraw from the District shall, by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, request the Committee to formulate an amendment to this Agreement setting forth the terms by which such town may withdraw from the District. No withdrawal will take effect on other than July 1 of a given year. The vote stated in the preceding sentence, as well as the notification to the District consistent with paragraph B below, must all occur no less than two (2) years prior to the desired date of withdrawal.

**(B) Notice**

The clerk of the town seeking to withdraw shall, within seven (7) days of the vote, notify the Committee chair as well as the District's superintendent in writing that such town has voted to request the Committee to formulate an amendment to the Agreement (enclosing a certified copy of such vote).

Thereupon, the Committee shall formulate an amendment to the Agreement setting forth such terms of withdrawal as it deems advisable, subject to the limitation contained in Section VII(A). The Committee shall establish a subcommittee to formulate an amendment and invite the Select Board from the requesting member town to designate representatives to said subcommittee.

The secretary of the Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the Select Board of each member town that the Committee has formulated an amendment to the Agreement reflecting the withdrawal of a member town (enclosing a copy of such amendment). The Select Board of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose an article stating the amendment.

**(C) Obligations of Withdrawing Member Towns**

In addition to other terms and requirements which the Committee shall include in the amendment, the member town seeking to withdraw will be responsible for the following: (1) payment of all operating costs for which it is liable as a member of the District; (2) continuing payments beyond the time of withdrawal to the District for the member town's share of the indebtedness of the District which is outstanding at the time of such withdrawal, and for interest thereon, to the same extent and in the same manner as though the town had not withdrawn from the District; (3) other liabilities incurred during all times that the town was a member of the District (e.g., OPEB – Other Post-Employment Benefits); and (4) for the costs, including legal fees, that accrue to the District as a result of the withdrawal process.

**(D) Approval of Withdrawal**

A request to withdraw shall become effective only if the amendment to the Agreement is approved by a majority vote of the membership of the Committee, is approved by majority vote at an annual or special town meeting in a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the member towns, is approved by the Commissioner, and the withdrawal can become effective no less than one full year after the completion of these requirements. The withdrawal will be effective as of July 1 of any fiscal year, provided that all requisite approvals for such withdrawal, including the Commissioner's approval, shall be obtained no later than the preceding December 31.

**(E) Cessation of Terms of Office of Members of Withdrawing Town**

Upon the effective date of withdrawal, the terms of office of all members serving on the Committee from the withdrawing town shall terminate and the total membership of the Committee shall be decreased accordingly.

**SECTION X – TUITION STUDENTS**

The Committee may accept for enrollment in the District pupils from towns other than the member towns on a tuition basis. Income received by the District from tuition pupils will be treated by the Committee according to MGL Chapter 71, Section 16D1/2.

**SECTION XI – ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee shall submit in January an annual report to each of the member towns containing information to publish in the annual town reports that highlights District events and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed as of [ ].

Regional Vocational School Committee Chair [Insert Typed Name] Signature Date

Town of Abington [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Cohasset [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Hanover [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Hanson [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Marshfield [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Norwell [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Rockland [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Scituate [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Town of Whitman [Insert Typed Name] [Insert title] Signature Date

Approved by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner

Jeffrey C. Riley Signature Date

South Shore Regional Vocational School District Committee

*Explanation: The regional Agreement, last updated in 2018, is being updated primarily to include the Town of Marshfield as a member of the regional school district, which would take effect July 1, 2024. Other changes to the agreement are outlined in the agreement on file in the Town Clerk's Office.*

**ARTICLE 42. RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATION UNDER ARTICLE 20 OF THE 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorized under Article 20 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, to design, permit, and make “shovel ready” a new fire station located on Webster Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

**ARTICLE 43. TRANSFER OF TOWN OWNED LAND TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO BE HELD FOR CONSERVATION, PASSIVE RECREATION AND**

### **OR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PURPOSES IN PERPETUITY**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of a Town-owned parcel of land located on Webster Street, Assessor's Parcel: 9-41, totaling 3.5 acres, to the Conservation Commission, to be held for conservation, passive recreation and/or historic preservation purposes in perpetuity, and to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to request Town Counsel prepare the appropriate documents for recording to transfer care to the Commission, in the deed, or take any action relative thereto.

By Petition: Anne E. Manna  
Anthony G. Mana  
Emma Coronella  
Michael Coronella  
Kristen Penza

### **ARTICLE 44 . APPROPRIATE FUNDS – AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST**

To see if the Town will vote, Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate 10% of funds collected from Fiscal Year 2024 from the Community Housing Reserve Fund to be transferred to the Hanover Affordable Housing Trust to provide for the preservation of affordable housing in Hanover. Said funds to be expended within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein by the Town Manager, under the direction of the Affordable Housing Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee  
Affordable Housing Trust

### **ARTICLE 45 . APPROPRIATE FUNDS – FORGE POND PARK LIGHTING PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate \$500,000 U.S. dollars from the Town's Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to "provide the site work necessary to install athletic field lighting at Forge Pond Park and to enhance and increase recreational opportunities at Forge Pond Park by installing LED athletic field lighting at baseball and softball fields." Said funds to be expended within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein by the Town Manager, under the direction of the



Community Preservation Committee,” said funds to be expended within two (2) years unless extended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Hanover Youth Athletic Association

**ARTICLE 46. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES PRESERVATION MATERIALS**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate \$5,000 U.S. dollars from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to “purchase materials for the preservation of the Library and Archives collection.” Said funds to be expended within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein by the Town Manager, under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee,” said funds to be expended within two (2) years unless extended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee  
Hanover Historical Society

**ARTICLE 47 . APPROPRIATE FUNDS – STETSON HOUSE GARDENS & GROUNDS RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate \$7,500 U.S. dollars from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to restore, repair, professionally maintain and design the Stetson House gardens, grounds and fencing. Said funds to be expended within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein by the Town Manager, under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee,” said funds to be expended within two (2) years unless extended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee  
Hanover Historical Society

**ARTICLE 48 . APPROPRIATE FUNDS – STETSON HOUSE LOWER BARN STONE WALL RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate \$9,500 U.S. dollars from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to “restore and repair the Stetson House Lower Barn stone wall.” Said funds to be expended within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein by the Town Manager, under the direction

of the Community Preservation Committee,” said funds to be expended within two (2) years unless extended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee  
Hanover Historical Society

**ARTICLE 49. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – WEIGHTS & MEASURES CABINET RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 44B (Community Preservation), and the Hanover General Bylaws, Section 4-19, to appropriate \$10,000 U.S. dollars from the Town’s Community Preservation Fund (CPF) to “restore the Weights & Measures Cabinet scale to working order, repair finish, and modify in order to prepare for display by adding LED lighting, glass panel, etc.” Said funds to be expended within the scope approved by the Community Preservation Committee, and for the purposes approved by this Town Meeting, said funds to be expended for the purposes stated herein by the Town Manager, under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee,” said funds to be expended within two (2) years unless extended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee  
Historical Commission

**ARTICLE 50 . STREET ACCEPTANCE – WOOD HOLLOW WAY**

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the full length of Wood Hollow Way as defined on a plan titled “Stable Ridge Estates As-built Plan for 557 King Street (Assessors map 75, lot 6)”, sheets 1+2, dated 6/8/2021 and signed by Richard J Hood, Registered Professional Land Surveyor on 12/29/2022, a copy of which is on file at the offices of the Hanover Department of Public Works, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director

**ARTICLE 51 . MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of MGL Chapter 164, Section 134, and initiate a process to participate in electric load aggregation programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager  
Select Board