

DRAFT – January 8, 2024

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 6th DAY OF MAY, 2024 AT 7:30 P.M.

Special Town Meeting at 7:00pm

Annual Town Meeting at 7:30pm



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 Hanover Select Board's Office at (781) 826-5000 ext. 1084.

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ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, May 6th, 2024

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, 2024, 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. GENERAL FUND BASE OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$_____ 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 \$_____ from Certified Free Cash, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Cemetery Graves & Foundations account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Title V Receipts Reserved account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Wetlands Receipts Reserved account, and raise \$_____ from the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Levy and other sources, or take any other action relative thereto.

	<i>FY2024 Appropriated</i>	<i>FY2025 Requested</i>	<i>\$ Change</i>	<i>% Change</i>
General Government:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Finance Department:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Community Development and Municipal inspections:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Community Services:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Library:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Police:				
Salaries				
Expenses				

Fire:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Hanover Public Schools				
South Shore Vocational High School				
Public Works:				
Salaries				
Expenses				
Snow & Ice				
Debt				
Town Wide Expenses				
Transfers				
Total General Fund Operating Budget				
Certified Free Cash				
Cemetery Graves & Foundations				
Sale of Cemetery Lots				
Title V Receipts Reserved Account				
Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account				
Wetlands Receipts Reserved Accounts				
Less Total Transfers				
To be raised by the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Levy and other sources				

Town Manager
Director of Finance

ARTICLE 8. GENERAL FUND OVERRIDE OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$_____ 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 \$_____ from Certified Free Cash, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Cemetery Graves & Foundations account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Title V Receipts Reserved account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved account, transfer the sum of \$_____ from the Wetlands Receipts Reserved account, and raise

\$_____ from the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Levy and other sources, or take any other action relative thereto.

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Town Manager
Director of Finance

ARTICLE 9. PROPOSITION 2 ½ OPERATING BUDGET LEVY LIMIT INCREASE (BALLOT) \$6,002,330

Hanover Select Board

ARTICLE 10. WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$_____ from Water Enterprise receipts to defray Water Enterprise direct costs and that \$_____ 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	
Other Expenses	
Debt Service	
Appropriate for Direct Costs	
Indirect - Reimburse General Fund for Shared Expenses	
Total Cost - Water Enterprise	

Town Manager
Hanover Select Board

ARTICLE 11. PEG ACCESS & CABLE RELATED FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$_____ 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 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager
Director of Finance
Director of Community Services

ARTICLE 12. 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 13. 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.

Revolving Fund	Limit on Spending
Library	
Recreation Fund	
GATRA	
Forge Pond Park	
Council on Aging	
Public Health Clinic	
Public Safety Vehicles	

Town Manager
Director of Finance

ARTICLE 14. 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 15. INCREASE INCOME-BASED SENIOR CITIZEN REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41A, to increase the Gross Receipts Limit to \$25,000 for a single person and \$35,000 for a married, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

ARTICLE 16. AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS 6-10 ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAWS

Animal Control Bylaw, 6-10 (B) (5).

Section 5

If any person shall make a complaint to the Animal Control Officer, concerning any violation of the By-Law, the Animal Control Officer shall investigate such complaint, and make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of the dog as may be deemed necessary. Any person aggrieved by an order of the Animal Control Officer may make a complaint in writing about the dog, within 10 days of said order, to the Town Manager, or as otherwise provided for in accordance with "an Act establishing a Town Manager form of Government for the Town of Hanover" who shall act thereon, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 157. Any person aggrieved by an order of the Town Manager issued pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, shall have a right to first appeal to the ~~Selectmen and then~~ to the District Court as provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 157.

Hanover Select Board
Town Manager

ARTICLE 17. ZONING BYLAWS – MBTA

Planning Board

ARTICLE 18. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – KING STREET WATERLINE (Debt)

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 \$2,000,000, or another sum, for the replacement of the water main, and related work on King Street from West Hanover Square to King Street and on King Street from Circuit Street to School Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works

ARTICLE 19. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – PFAS UPGRADES (Debt)

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 design of upgrades to the Town's three water treatment plants to remove PFAS in the Town's drinking water to levels compliant with levels that are required by the proposed regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works

ARTICLE 20. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – COBBLER'S SHOP

Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 24. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST TRANSFER

Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 25. SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVED FUND TRANSFER (Free Cash)

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 \$750,000 or another sum for the Special Education Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

School Superintendent
School Committee

ARTICLE 26. PLACEHOLDER - AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – PROPOSED NEW BYLAW: ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - ELIGIBILITY

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ARTICLE 27. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE (Debt)

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 \$200,000, or another sum, for improvements to the public safety radio infrastructure, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief
Town Manager

ARTICLE 28. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS (Free Cash)

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 \$100,000, or another sum, for the renovations of various basketball courts in Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager

ARTICLE 29. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – TOWN HALL ELEVATOR DESIGN (Debt)

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 \$100,000, or another sum, for the design of a replacement elevator at Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 30. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – FUEL CANOPY IMPROVEMENTS (Free Cash)

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, for improvements to the fuel canopy and fire suppression system, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 31. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – LARGE AREA MOWER (Debt)

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 \$100,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip a large area mower, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 32. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – WOOD CHIPPER REPLACEMENT (Debt)

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 \$90,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip a wood chipper, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 33. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – 72' MOWER REPLACEMENT (Free Cash)

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 \$20,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip a 72' mower, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 34. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – TRANSFER STATION SCALE REPLACEMENT (Debt)

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 \$185,000, or another sum, to replace the vehicle scale at the Transfer Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 35. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – TRASH TRAILER REPLACEMENT (Free Cash)

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 purchase and equip a trash trailer at the Transfer Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 36. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – REPLACE 4X4 PICKUP WITH PLOW (Retained Earnings)

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 \$75,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip a 4x4 pickup truck with a plow, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 37. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – WATER SERVICE VAN (Retained Earnings)

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 \$60,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip a water service van, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Director
Town Manager

ARTICLE 38. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (Free Cash)

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 \$20,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief
Town Manager

ARTICLE 39. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – AMBULANCE (Debt)

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 \$475,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip an ambulance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief
Town Manager

ARTICLE 40. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – POLICE CRUISERS (Debt)

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 \$190,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip police cruisers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief
Town Manager

ARTICLE 41. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – POLICE PORTABLE & CRUISER RADIOS (Debt)

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 \$140,000, or another sum, to purchase and equip portable radios for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Chief
Town Manager

NOTICE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Hanover High School, 287 Cedar Street

On **SATURDAY, THE 18th of May, 2024**

Then and there to act on the following:

To bring in their votes for each of the following:

For a term of five years:

For a term of three years:

For a term of one year:

Polls open from _____, unless otherwise ordered by the Town.

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

Given under our hands this _____ day of APRIL, 2024.

HANOVER SELECT BOARD

Vanessa A. O'Connor, Chair

Rhonda L. Nyman, Vice-Chair

David R. Delaney

John C. Tuzik

Steven R. Louko, Jr.

_____, Constable

Posted this _____ day of _____, 2024