

**December 4, 2023 Draft**

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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><b>FY2024 Appropriated</b></i>	<i><b>FY2025 Requested</b></i>	<i><b>\$ Change</b></i>	<i><b>% Change</b></i>
<b>General Government:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Finance Department:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Community Development and Municipal inspections:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Community Services:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Library:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Police:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				

<b>Fire:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Hanover Public Schools</b>				
<b>South Shore Vocational High School</b>				
<b>Public Works:</b>				
Salaries				
Expenses				
<b>Snow &amp; Ice</b>				
<b>Debt</b>				
<b>Town Wide Expenses</b>				
<b>Transfers</b>				
<b>Total General Fund Operating Budget</b>				
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				
<b>To be raised by the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Levy and other sources</b>				

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)**

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	
<b>Appropriate for Direct Costs</b>	
Indirect - Reimburse General Fund for Shared Expenses	
<b>Total Cost - Water Enterprise</b>	

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.

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

Town Manager  
Director of Finance



## **ARTICLE 14. 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 15. ZONING BYLAWS – MBTA**

Planning Board

## **ARTICLE 16. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – KING STREET WATERLINE (Debt)**

Director of Public Works

## **ARTICLE 17. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – PFAS UPGRADES (Debt)**

Director of Public Works

## **ARTICLE 18. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – COBBLER'S SHOP**

Community Preservation Committee

## **ARTICLE 19. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – DIGITAL PRESERVATION**

Community Preservation Committee

**ARTICLE 20. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – RAIL TRAIL**

Community Preservation Committee

**ARTICLE 21. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – STETSON HOUSE INTERIOR**

Community Preservation Committee

**ARTICLE 22. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST TRANSFER**

Community Preservation Committee

**ARTICLE 23. SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVED FUND TRANSFER \$750,000**

School Superintendent  
School Committee

**ARTICLE 24. PLACEHOLDER - AMEND GENERAL BYLAWS – PROPOSED NEW  
BYLAW: ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - ELIGIBILITY**

Petition

NOTICE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Hanover High School, 287 Cedar Street  
On **SATURDAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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Rhonda L. Nyman, Vice-Chair

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David R. Delaney

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John C. Tuzik

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Steven R. Louko, Jr.

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

Posted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024