

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Town of Hanover

### Warrant for *Special* 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, HANOVER, on

**MONDAY THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**



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

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ARTICLES FOR *SPECIAL* TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, May 2, 2022

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

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

Curry Ace Hardware	\$ 74.51
Quill	\$414.96

Director of Finance  
Town Manager

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$489.47 to be used as set forth in this Article.**

*Advisory Committee Commentary: This Article implements a routine housekeeping procedure and allows the Finance Director to pay invoices presented for payment after the close of the prior fiscal year. Pursuant to State law, a Town Meeting vote is required to accept and pay these outstanding invoices. This Article is presented at the Special Town Meeting so that the vendors can be paid as soon as possible if the Article is approved.*

**ARTICLE 2. APPROPRIATE FUNDS – QUINQUENNIAL REVALUATION (\$85,000 FREE CASH)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of \$85,000 to fund the quinquennial revaluation that is required by the Department of Revenue in order for the Commissioner of Revenue to certify that the Town is assessing property for local tax purposes in a way in which meets legal standards for FY23, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$85,000 to be used as set forth in this Article.**

*Advisory Committee Commentary: This Article provides funding for the property (commercial, residential, industrial, etc.) revaluation, as required by the Department of Revenue every five years. This work will begin in the spring to ensure the revaluation is complete in time for the setting of the tax rate in the fall. The Advisory Committee supports the recommendation of the Finance Director.*

### **ARTICLE 3. RESCIND COMPLETED PROJECTS BORROWING AUTHORIZATION**

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

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Date of Vote</b>	<b>Article #</b>	<b>Amount Authorized</b>	<b>-Issued -Retired -Rescinded</b>	<b>=Unissued</b>
Septic (T-97-1140-A)	5/3/2011	35	\$300,000	\$294,000	\$6,000
Pickup Truck	5/6/2014	34	38,000	37,750	250
Dump Truck	5/6/2014	35	70,000	63,951	6,049
Larger Dump Truck	5/6/2014	36	170,000	156,526	13,474
Fire Department Generator Replacement	5/12/2014	54	140,000	133,745	6,255
Large Dump Truck	5/4/2015	24	190,000	157,000	33,000
Large Dump Truck	5/2/2016	25	190,000	170,000	20,000
Water Treatment Plant and Standpipe (Equipment)	5/1/2017	40	470,000	465,000	5,000

Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to rescind borrowing authorizations for the following projects and amounts:**

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

#### **ARTICLE 4. 10 YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a service agreement of 10 years with Global Traffic Technologies, LLC for service relative to an Opticom EVP (Emergency Vehicle Preemption) system consisting of hardware and software for intersections, and town vehicles or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Manager  
Fire Chief  
Police Chief  
Director of Finance

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

*Advisory Committee Commentary: This article will approve a ten-year service agreement for enhancement of public safety infrastructure. The Town of Hanover has utilized infrared (IR) Vehicle Pre-Emption Devices to allow fire and police vehicles to quickly and safely navigate through intersections within the community for over twenty years. These devices have been shown to reduce the chance of a vehicle collision by seventy-percent and decrease response times for both fire and police by nearly twenty-five percent. Multiple evaluations by independent contractors have revealed that only ten percent of this equipment is functioning normally. A new GPS based vehicle pre-emption system was chosen to replace the aging and dysfunctional IR equipment both at each of Hanover's twelve intersections and in all fire and police vehicles. The new GPS system offers the latest technology available for this type of infrastructure and, unlike the previous system and equipment, allows for a fully supported service and maintenance plan. This plan will ensure equipment, both in vehicles and intersections, is working at all times and, if necessary, repairs are made in a timely fashion – at no additional cost to the Town. The installation, both at each intersection and in all fire and police vehicles, along with the ten-year service and maintenance plan are included in the cost. Currently the Town is on a month-to-month plan for the Opticom maintenance and passage of this Article will allow the Town to enter into the 10-year agreement immediately following Town Meeting.*

#### **ARTICLE 5. TRANSFER FUNDS – SNOW & ICE EXPENSES (\$130,945 FREE CASH)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of \$130,945 to meet deficits or unforeseen costs for Snow & Ice Removal, or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works  
Director of Finance

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$130,945 to be used as set forth in this Article.**

*Advisory Committee Commentary: This Article appropriates from free cash \$130,945 to be used to pay overages in the Snow and Ice budget. The Town budgeted too conservatively last year for this line-item, the price of salt increased, and we experienced several long duration events. Passage of this Article is needed to cover the deficit prior to fiscal year-end.*