

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 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2023 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 Hanover Select Board's Office at 781-826-5000 ext. 1084.*

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ARTICLES FOR *SPECIAL* TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, May 1, 2023

**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.

MX Consulting	\$ 5,328.00
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Direct Energy	\$ 42,668.15
Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP	\$ 231.50
Witmer Public Safety Group	\$ 257.46
Dick's Power Equipment	\$ 115.80
Survivor Power Co., Inc.	\$ 249.90
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Director of Finance  
Town Manager

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$59,881.66 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 the vendors can be paid as soon as possible if the Article is approved.*

**ARTICLE 2. TRANSFER FUNDS – SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the sum of up to \$650,000 to meet deficits or unforeseen costs of the School budget, said funds to be expended at the direction of the Town Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee

**We move that the Town vote to appropriate from Certified Free Cash the sum of \$650,000 to be used as set forth in this Article.**

Advisory Committee Commentary: *The School Department has incurred non-discretionary expenses related to student support services significantly beyond their appropriated FY23 budget. These expenses include a significant increase to tuition and transportation costs for out-of-District education. Transportation alone in fiscal year 2023 has increased by \$762,000 over the \$558,000 budgeted for and appropriated at last year's Annual Town Meeting. This increase is because of the increased number of students requiring transportation and an increase in cost per student given decreased availability of vehicles. These expenses are non-discretionary and the School Department is legally required to cover them. This Article is presented at the Special Town Meeting so the expenses can be paid as soon as possible in fiscal year 2023 if the Article is approved. The School Department is pursuing extraordinary relief from the State through the circuit breaker program, and any funds obtained will be applied to offset these expenses, but relief is not guaranteed. The School Department has covered a portion of the budgetary overrun through existing appropriated funds and the Special Education Reserve Fund.*

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

Given under our hands this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023.

**HANOVER SELECT BOARD**

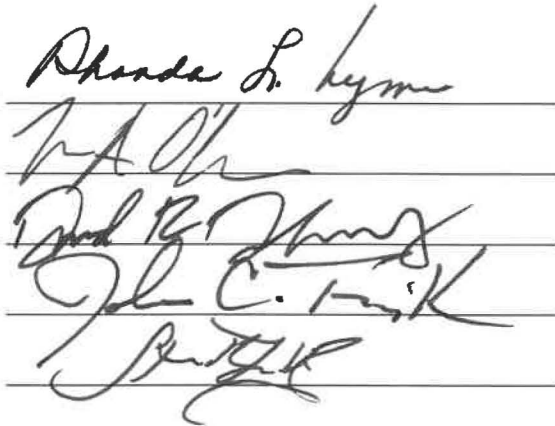
Rhonda L. Nyman, Chair

Vanessa A. O'Connor, Vice Chair

David R. Delaney

John C. Tuzik

Steven R. Louko, Jr.



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

Posted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023