



TOWN OF AVON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at Avon High/Middle School

Norfolk, SS: To either of the constables in the Town of Avon in the County of Norfolk.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Avon qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Avon Middle/High School Auditorium on West Main Street, in said Town of Avon, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at Avon Middle/High School, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reading of the reports and minutes of the previous session(s) and to hear and act on the annual reports of the Town Officers and Town Departments for the year ending December 31, 2012 and to hear the reports of any committees, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year 2014, and raise and appropriate the necessary funds to defray such costs or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2014, including salaries of the several elected officers of the Town, and make appropriations for the same, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and to enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or County of Norfolk for the construction, reconstruction and/or improvement of Town roads or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2004 for the purpose of funding buyback of sick and vacation time of retiring employees; or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Septic Loan Receipts Account the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$10,400.36) for repayment of the Title V Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan voted and approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 1998, Article 23, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$29,530) to be used to make repairs and/or improvements to the Town Hall building, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money and to transfer Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) from Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2012 for the removal of hazardous materials, demolition and removal of the former Crowley Elementary School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Blue Hills Regional Technical School District to establish a Stabilization Fund according to Chapter 71, Section 16G.5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, a gift of land located at on or around Verna Lane, identified on Assessors' Map C7, Block 3, Lot 25, containing .44 acres, more or less owned by James G. Murray, being described in a deed recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 2995, Page 192, with no encumbrances, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Norfolk County Dog /Animal Control and Licensing Program and to assume any and all duties formally performed by the County under that program, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the repair of the Police and Fire Building, or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to file a home rule petition with the Massachusetts General Court seeking to establish a Department of Public Works in the Town of Avon effective July 1, 2014. Upon said date the current Highway and Water Department shall merge together and be administered by a licensed Engineer or person of similar professional training under contract to the Town. The elected Water Commission created under Chapter 236 of the Acts of 1889 shall cease to exist effective June 30, 2014.

As of July 1, 2014 all duties of the Water Department and the Highway Department as conferred by either State law or local by-laws shall become the responsibility of the Public Works Department. Such action to be implemented no earlier than July 1, 2014 even if engrossed by the General Court, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$67,475) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to pay the ninth of ten (10) payments of the lease purchase agreement on the Fire Department's Aerial Ladder truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to Article 19 of the 2007 ATM to be used for the purpose of reimbursing insurance companies for overpayments and to pay ALS mutual aid costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to Article 12 of the 2010 STM to be used for training, continuing education and related expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to pay the first of five (5) payments of the lease purchase agreement on the Fire Department's Rescue Pumper truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the remaining balances from; Article 10 of the 2009 ATM in the amount of Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$9,444), Article 9 of the 2010 ATM in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Six Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$1,996.35), and Article 16 of the 2013 ATM in the amount of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300), for a total of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$14,740.35), to Article 17 of the 2011 ATM to purchase firefighting equipment for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Revolving Fund the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) to purchase and equip a new ambulance for the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) from the CMVI revolving account to fund the cost of startup fees for the purchase and installation of a new computer record keeping system for the Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

POLICE CHIEF

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to adjust under Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 41C exemptions by increasing the gross receipts limits from Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) if single and from Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) if married and increase the whole estate limit from Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) if single and from Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) if married; and by increasing the exemption amount from Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750), or take any other action in relation thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to replace the playground equipment at the Lundgren Playground and any other costs associated with this project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars (\$27,065) for Cross Connection Program updates, or take any other action in relation thereto.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for security system upgrades at Water Department facilities, or take any other action in relation thereto.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for repair to pump and motor at Well #3, or take any other action in relation thereto.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the replacement of a Water Department van, or take any other action in relation thereto.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and One Dollars (\$21,801) for the purchase and installation of WTI Utility Billing Software, or take any other action in relation thereto.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon Article II, Section h . Quorum by striking the line -

A Quorum shall consist of seventy-five (75) registered voters.

and replacing it with -

A Quorum shall consist of fifty (50) registered voters.

, or take any other action in relation thereto.

TOWN MODERATOR

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon, as allowed by MGL Chapter 39, Section 15, by striking out Article II, Section g. Voting in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

All voting in a town meeting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise required by law. In the instance of the need for a two-thirds positive vote to approve an article, the Moderator may declare that a two-thirds vote has been achieved without calling for a polling or division of the meeting provided, however, if said vote is declared and immediately questioned by seven or more voters, he shall verify it by polling the voters or by dividing the meeting. In such instance the Moderator shall appoint tellers to verify the vote. Upon a motion properly made and seconded and passed by the meeting, the Moderator shall call for a secret ballot on any article involving an appropriation.

, or take any other action in relation thereto.

TOWN MODERATOR

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at not less than seven (7) public places, including the Post Office, and by leaving not less than twenty (20) copies in each of the public places for distribution in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.

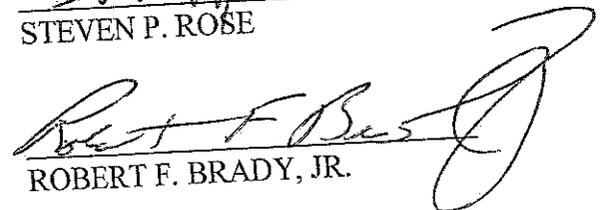
A True Copy. Attest:


V. JEAN KOPKE, TOWN CLERK


FRANCIS A. HEGARTY, CHAIRMAN


STEVEN P. ROSE


WARREN PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF


ROBERT F. BRADY, JR.

AVON BOARD OF SELECTMEN