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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 20, 2012 (Regular Session) as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brady. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 20, 2012 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (Executive Session) as written. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, July 12, 2012 (Executive Session) as submitted.

At 7:40 p.m. Town Clerk Jean Kopke appeared before the Board for signatures and approval for renewal of the bond anticipation notes (BAN) for the Butler School roof project.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve authorization for \$245,574 bond anticipation notes. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding setting a date for a Special Town Meeting. Chairman Hegarty explained it would be a limited warrant. The Board agreed that the Special Town Meeting would be scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Chairman Hegarty announced the Register of Deeds, William P. O'Donnell, would hold office hours in Avon on Thursday, October 25, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Mary McDermott Room at the Avon Town Hall. The Register and members of his staff will be available to answer questions or concerns about any Registry of Deeds matter. No appointment is needed.

An Avon Town Wide Flu Clinic will be held in the Mary McDermott Room at the Avon Town Hall on Thursday, October 18, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please bring your health insurance and Medicare card and wear a short sleeve shirt. For additional information, please call the Avon Board of Health office at the Avon Town Hall.

A request was received from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a street opening permit to install gas service at 109 Page Street.

Mr. Rose commented that there is still patching to be done on West High Street and the road still needs attention as it was recently resurfaced. The request is for a 2' x 25' road cut.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the request for a road opening permit with the condition that the patching is stored to the Town of Avon's trench restoration procedure and the patching on West High Street is taken care of at the same time. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board asked the Town Administrator to communicate with the gas company as we are approaching the cut-off date of November 15th for road work.

A request for a one-day special alcohol permit was received from Avon Fish & Game Association for a club function on Saturday, November 3, 2012. The permit would be valid from November 2, 2012 through November 5, 2012.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the one-day special alcohol permit for Avon Fish & Game Association for November 3, 2012. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Avon 125th Anniversary Committee has designed a pictorial postmark as part of its celebration. Part of that design includes the image of the Avon Town seal. The Celebration Committee is requesting written authorization from the Board to use the image of the Avon Town seal.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve use of the Avon Town seal for the 125th Anniversary celebration in a commemorative postal cancellation. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Chairman Hegarty announced the Board set the Special Town Meeting date of October 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. due to an emergency issue to be addressed relative to the Avon Water Department.

Chairman Hegarty explained a memo was received from Amory Engineers, P.C. summarizing the cost of various improvements necessary at Water Department facilities. That requires immediate changes in operations of the Avon Water Department's SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system. The Town was assessed a \$48,800 fine by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Town must invest between \$190,000 and \$200,000 in equipment to satisfy the Department of Environmental Protection's regulations. The Town of Avon is under a compliance order. Chairman Hegarty stated there is nothing wrong with the quality of the Town's water. The issue has to do with monitoring of the equipment in order to satisfy DEP requirements. The Town must live by DEP's standards.

Mr. Rose questioned whether the Water Commissioners would be presenting information on the Town Meeting floor to the voters?

Mr. Rose made a motion to open and close the Special Town Meeting Warrant of Monday, October 29, 2012 and have the warrant delivered to the Finance Committee as soon as possible. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tax Classification Hearing

Mr. Rose made a motion to set the Tax Classification Hearing for Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty reported the approved new growth figure in tax dollars is \$174,766.

The Board asked Mr. McCue for a Pond Street project update.

Mr. McCue reported that the structures on Pond Street have been raised but he has still not received a schedule from Paolini Corporation as to when the road would be finished. He and Tibbetts Engineering have e-mailed Paolini Corporation repeatedly and have still not received a response.

Mr. McCue reported that at 87 and 95 Pond Street the driveway work is just about completed. Both residents are OK with what improvements were done.

At 36 Pond Street, Mr. McCue reported damage to a pole. National Grid will pay for the damage.

Mr. Rose voiced his concern that we need a "Plan B" to make Pond Street safe for the winter if the contractor does not respond.

The Board reviewed Chapter 90 balances and available funds.

Mr. McCue reported that the Chapter 90 funds remaining total \$88,823.72. The fiscal year 2013 apportionment totals for Avon \$186,124 for a total of available funds of \$274,947.72.

Highway Superintendent Ed Sarni provided the Board with a street listing and rated the condition of those roads he determined to be in fairly bad condition to those that are just bad. Mr. Rose commented that the work/construction would have to take place in the spring. The list needs to be prioritized.

Chairman Hegarty commented that a list needs to be submitted to Columbia Gas for future road projects as requested by Mr. Kane and Mr. Kreuger. Columbia Gas would like to coordinate with the Town so that any new gas installations would not have to be held up because of the 5 year moratorium on newly paved roads.

Chairman Hegarty reported that he would like to see a map of the streets in Town identifying which ones have gas service. (GIS mapping).

Update on Gazebo Refurbishment

Mr. McCue provided a handout to the Board for an estimate to repair the structural deficits at the Gazebo. Summer concerts went on but it was a temporary fix to the gazebo. The gazebo has dry rot and corrosion to supports.

Mr. Rose expressed his concern with the scope of work needed for repairs. This work would have to be done in the spring but additional quotes are needed. This is an expense that has not been budgeted.

Mr. McCue reported that he has a meeting this coming Tuesday regarding modifications to Town Hall. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue reported that the Town has seen a savings of approximately \$200.00 per month on the Town's phone bill as a result of the contract with Chambers and that our payments to Chambers end this month.

Mr. Brady informed the Board that he attended the AIPA cookout. The event was well attended with Representative Galvin and Senator Joyce speaking. They discussed the Bond bill. Monies are not available yet but there is \$500,000 in funding for road work that hopefully will become available.

Chairman Hegarty announced the last date to register for the November 6th election is Wednesday, October 17th. Town Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. McCue commented that there is no early voting in Massachusetts as in some other states. Absentee ballots are provided for those who cannot be here for the November 6th election. Early voting is a state by state decision.

At 9:05 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein

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Secretary

Exhibits:

Board of Selectmen Minutes of Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012 (Regular Session)
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Request from Columbia Gas Company of Massachusetts for street opening permit at 109 Page Street
Proposal from RWC Construction for repairs and roofing at Moses Curtis Park Gazebo