

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013 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 called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Mr. McCue led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hegarty announced that today is a special day in the Town of Avon. 125 years ago today an Act to Incorporate the Town of Avon was passed and approved on February 21, 1888.

Chairman Hegarty read the resolution from Chapter 47 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the year of 1888—the Act of Incorporation of the Town of Avon. The resolution was approved by Governor Oliver Ames on February 21, 1888.

Chairman Hegarty reported that the 125th Anniversary Committee worked very hard to kick off the first 125th Anniversary event with a celebration "Ball" to be held at the Shaw's Center in Brockton this coming Saturday, February 23rd. In case of postponement due to the inclement weather predicted, please check Channel 9 on Avon's Cable TV to see if the festivities will be postponed.

Chairman Hegarty announced Bulk Collection Day will be held this coming Saturday, February 23rd. Mattresses, furniture, boxes, limited amounts of drywall, wood and carpeting will be accepted. Items must be curbside by 7:00 a.m. No construction material will be accepted. For further information, please contact the Board of Health office at the Avon Town Hall.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 7, 2013 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 7, 2013 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 14, 2013 (at Special Town Meeting) as written. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Award bid for Printing of the Annual Town Report for 2012

Mr. Rose made a motion to award the contract for the printing of the Annual Town Report for 2012 to The Country Press, Inc. of Lakeville, MA at a cost of \$2051.44 for 600 copies, shipping included, based on Town Administrator McCue's recommendation. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A letter was received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board. Avon is one of 25 communities serviced by the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District. A board of 5 commissioners appointed by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board debates and approves budgets and expenditures. To gauge the extent of support for the proposed District budget, the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board is requesting the chief executive officer of each community to indicate his/her support/non-support for the budget as proposed. There is a small increase to Avon in the proposed budget.

Mr. Rose made a motion stating that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Avon votes in favor/supports the proposed budget of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District for fiscal year 2014. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting dates for March were announced as follows:

Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Hegarty announced that on Thursday evening, February 28th, the Town Hall will close to the public at 6:00 p.m. for a staff training session to be held in the Mary T. McDermott Meeting Room.

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.

Consideration of Articles for the Annual Town Meeting of Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Water Department—Requesting four (4) articles

1. Implementation of an updated Cross Connection program (surveying of all commercial, industrial, municipal and institutional properties—\$27065.00 requested based on a quote from Sarian Co. for surveying)
2. Upgrades to the current security system for Water Department properties —\$7500. Requested
3. Redevelopment and repair of the pump and motor for Well #3

4. Replacement of the 1996 Ford E150 Econoline van —\$30,000. Requested

Assessors

Adopt a Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program

Chairman Hegarty and the Board commented and agreed that these are programs that have to be individually designed. There are a wide range of programs and guidelines must be in place. A program would also require Town Meeting vote.

Fire Department

1. Request to transfer \$2000. from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to Article 19 of the 2007 ATM to reimburse insurance companies for overpayments and to pay ALS mutual aid costs
2. Transfer \$10,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to Article 12 of the 2010 STM to be used for training and continuing education
3. Transfer \$67,475 from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to pay the 9th of 10 payments of the lease purchase agreement on the Fire Department's Aerial Ladder truck
4. Transfer \$115,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to pay the 1st of 5 payment of the lease purchase agreement on the Fire Department's Rescue Pumper Truck
5. Transfer the remaining balances from Article 5 of the 2008 STN, Article 10 of the 2008 ATM, Article 9 of the 2009 ATM and Article 16 of the 2012 ATM to Article 17 of the 2012 ATM to purchase firefighting equipment
6. Transfer from the Ambulance account \$280,000 to purchase and equip a new replacement ambulance

Mr. Rose commented that the Board should have a discussion with the Fire Chief regarding balances left from prior Annual and Special Town Meeting articles.

Blue Hills Regional Technical School

1. Requesting a warrant article to allow Blue Hills to establish a Stabilization Fund

Board of Assessors

1. Acceptance of the VALOR Act (Abatement Program for volunteer work—Veteran's Program for tax relief by way of abatement to real estate taxes by performing some service) Reporting and documentation are an essential part of this law.

Chairman Hegarty suggested scheduling a meeting with the Board of Assessors to discuss abatement programs.

Park and Recreation Commission

1. Request for \$150,000 to replace playground equipment at Lundgren Playground

Police Department

1. To approve \$25,000 to cover the cost of start-up fees for the purchase and installation of new computer record keeping system (transfer from CMVI account)
2. Requesting \$70,000 for the purchase of 2 police cruisers (transfer from CMVI)

Town Accountant

1. WTI—need to add in software maintenance fee of \$4606—total \$17,741.00

Highway Department

1. Requesting the sum of \$5,000 to be used to perform the grinding and clearing of the Town Compost Site

After reviewing all article requests, the Board agreed to schedule a meeting with the Board of Assessors and Fire Chief.

Review of FY '14 Budget Figures

Chairman Hegarty reported the health insurance projection for the next fiscal year is up 7%, a figure higher than expected. Mr. Rose asked Town Administrator McCue to look into the details of the increase.

The Board agreed that a budget session should be held sooner rather than later. After some discussion, it was decided that a meeting would be scheduled on Thursday evening, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. to meet with the Fire Chief and Assessors and also to review the operating budget.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue reported that he would be meeting with representatives from Amory Engineering next week. At the Special Town Meeting of February 14th, voters approved funding for the items on the Consent Order issued by DEP, in the amount of \$291,064.50.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that a customer service training would be held on Thursday evening, February 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Avon Town Hall. Attendance is mandatory. Town Hall and the Avon Public Library will be closed to the public during those hours to allow all staff to attend.

Mr. McCue stated that a letter was received from the Commonwealth of Mass. — Department of Conservation and Recreation that the Tree City USA application filed was received for the Town of Avon and appears to be complete. Arbor Day is April 26th. Mr. McCue will be asking the Board to sign an Arbor Day Proclamation during the month of March. Mr. McCue asked the Board if they have any suggestions for areas in Town where trees may be planted. Last year

National Grid was very generous in donating trees which were planted at the Avon Public Library.

The Board discussed Paolini Corporation and the fact that they were forced to terminate operations and discontinue its business. Mr. Rose asked Mr. McCue to track the time Tibbetts Engineering used to administer issues involving Paolini's bankruptcy.

Mr. McCue announced that this morning the Avon 125th Anniversary Committee held a Pictorial Postmark Cancellation Ceremony with the United State Postal Service. Mr. Paul Chute led the ceremony. The 125th Anniversary Committee designed a Special Cancellation Stamp that the Postal Service made for us to commemorate this special day in Avon's history—Avon's incorporation as a Town of February 21, 1888.

Mr. McCue is in the process of drafting a policy for the Avon Public Library regarding disruptive patrons. He will present the policy for the Board's review and then request the Library Trustees to adopt the policy.

Senator Joyce and Representative Galvin will be attending the March 7, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the proposed Holbrook Transfer Station.

Highway Department staff are prepared for the anticipated storm this weekend.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hegarty wanted to extend appreciation and thanks to the Highway, Fire and Police Departments for their efforts during the blizzard and the storms that followed.

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter. Mr. Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye
Mr. Brady voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would reconvene in Open Session only to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein

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Secretary