



TOWN OF AVON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

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

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Francis Hegarty, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen made a motion and it was seconded to adjourn and reconvene the meeting until Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Avon Middle High School.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. on June 9, 2015 with the required quorum of fifty (50) being present. Moderator Staffier called for Frank Hegarty, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Franck Hegarty, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, than spoke briefly about House Bill No. 675. He encouraged all residents to pick up a sample letter (found in the lobby or on the town website) and mail it in to the State House to show their support. State Representative William C. Galvin also was welcomed and spoke on the issue.

The Moderator explained the electronic voting response cards to those present. Press 1 for a yes vote and press 2 for a no vote.

Moderator Staffier called for Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to waive the reading of the reports and minutes of the previous session(s) and to waive the reading on the annual reports of the Town Officers and Town Departments for the year ending December 31, 2014 and to waive the hearing of the reports of any committees.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to address Article 2 within Article 3 to fix the salaries of the elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year 2016, and raise and appropriate the necessary funds to defray such costs.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** 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 2016, including salaries of the several elected officers of the Town, and make appropriations for the same.

<u>Dept</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>Description</u>	2015 Approved	FY16 Department Request	FY 2016 Budget
114	<u>MODERATOR</u>				
		Salary	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
		Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Total Moderator		\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
122	<u>SELECTMEN</u>				
		Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
		Salary Union	\$ -	\$ 42,414	\$ 42,414
		Expenses	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
		Salary Reserve	\$ -	\$ 96,435	\$ 96,435
		Newsletter	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800
		Celebrations	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
	Total Selectmen		\$ 41,300	\$ 180,149	\$ 180,149
125	<u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u>				
		Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Total Human Resources		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
129	<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>				
		Salary	\$ 151,277	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500
		Expenses	\$ 2,958	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
	Total Town Administrator		\$ 154,235	\$ 141,100	\$ 141,100
131	<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>				
		Salary, Clerical	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
		Expenses	\$ 6,050	\$ 6,050	\$ 6,050
	Total Finance Committee		\$ 7,850	\$ 7,850	\$ 7,850

132 FINCOM RESERVE

Reserve Fund	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
Total Reserve Fund	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	100,000

135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Salary	\$	69,537	\$	69,522	\$	82,522
Expenses	\$	44,884	\$	47,785	\$	47,785
Total Town Accountant	\$	114,421	\$	117,307	\$	130,307

141 ASSESSORS

Salary	\$	51,148	\$	85,889	\$	74,188
Expenses	\$	19,600	\$	15,170	\$	20,430
Total Assessors	\$	70,748	\$	101,059	\$	94,618

145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Salary	\$	71,055	\$	178,662	\$	178,662
Expenses	\$	17,035	\$	18,400	\$	18,400
Total Treasurer/Collector	\$	88,090	\$	197,062	\$	197,062

149 TECHNOLOGY

Salary	\$	-	\$	68,000	\$	68,000
Expenses	\$	95,728	\$	101,588	\$	101,588
Total Technology	\$	95,728	\$	169,588	\$	169,588

151 LEGAL

Retainer, Town Counsel	\$	11,250	\$	11,250	\$	11,250
Purchase Services	\$	90,000	\$	90,000	\$	90,000
Assessors Legal Expense	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
Total Legal	\$	131,250	\$	131,250	\$	131,250

152 PERSONNEL BOARD

Salary	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Expenses	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100
Total Personnel Board	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100

155 PAYROLL DATA PROC.

Expenses	\$	12,000	\$	21,000	\$	21,000
	\$	12,000	\$	21,000	\$	21,000

Total Payroll Data Proc.

159 CLERICAL POOL

Salary	\$	250,427	\$	-	\$	-
Total Clerical	\$	250,427	\$	-	\$	-

161 TOWN CLERK

Salary	\$	34,594	\$	104,563	\$	104,563
Expenses	\$	2,970	\$	4,210	\$	4,210
Total Town Clerk	\$	37,564	\$	108,773	\$	108,773

162 ELECTIONS/REGISTRARS

Salary	\$	5,000	\$	5,500	\$	5,500
Expenses	\$	5,000	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
Total Elections/Registrars	\$	10,000	\$	11,500	\$	11,500

163 CENSUS

Expenses	\$	2,200	\$	2,200	\$	2,200
Total Census	\$	2,200	\$	2,200	\$	2,200

171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Salary	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Expenses	\$	5,850	\$	5,850	\$	5,850
Total Conservation Comm.	\$	6,850	\$	6,850	\$	6,850

175	<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>							
		Salary	\$	10,500	\$	12,700	\$	12,700
		Expenses	\$	1,000	\$	4,000	\$	1,000
		Total Planning Board	\$	11,500	\$	16,700	\$	13,700
176	<u>BOARD OF APPEALS</u>							
		Salary	\$	1,800	\$	1,800	\$	1,800
		Expenses	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
		Total Board of Appeals	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
182	<u>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</u>							
		Salary, Clerical	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
		Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
		Total Ind. Dev. Comm.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
184	<u>CABLE TV ADV. BOARD</u>							
		Expenses	\$	-	\$	100	\$	100
		Total Cable TV Adv. Board	\$	-	\$	100	\$	100
192	<u>TOWN HALL & BUILDING MAINT.</u>							
		Salary (clock)	\$	750	\$	750	\$	750
		Expenses	\$	97,345	\$	105,000	\$	105,000
		Total TH and Bldg. Maint.	\$	98,095	\$	105,750	\$	105,750
193	<u>BUILDING INSURANCE (DEDUCTABLES)</u>							
		Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
		Total Deductable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
195	<u>TOWN REPORTS</u>							
		Expenses	\$	4,000	\$	4,000	\$	4,000
		Total Town Reports	\$	4,000	\$	4,000	\$	4,000

210 POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salary	\$ 1,480,324	\$ 1,495,067	\$ 1,495,067
Expenses	\$ 128,340	\$ 129,100	\$ 129,100
Police Cruiser (article)	\$ 30,000		
CMVI transfer (article)	\$ (30,000)		
Total Police Department	\$ 1,608,664	\$ 1,624,167	\$ 1,624,167

215 FIRE & POLICE DISPATCH

Salary	\$ 308,754	\$ 320,689	\$ 320,689
Total Fire & Police Dispatch	\$ 308,754	\$ 320,689	\$ 320,689

220 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salary	\$ 1,154,636	\$ 1,155,109	\$ 1,155,109
Ambulance transfer	\$ (35,000)	\$ -	\$ (60,000)
Expenses	\$ 193,000	\$ 212,750	\$ 212,750
Ambulance transfer	\$ (40,000)	\$ -	\$ (40,000)
Total Fire Department	\$ 1,272,636	\$ 1,367,859	\$ 1,267,859

241 BUILDING INSPECTOR

Salary	\$ 64,750	\$ 83,108	\$ 83,108
Alt. Inspector	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Expenses	\$ 8,563	\$ 10,647	\$ 10,647
Total Building Inspector	\$ 75,713	\$ 96,255	\$ 96,255

242 GAS INSPECTOR

Salary	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Alt. Inspector	\$ 500	\$ 700	\$ 700
Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Total Gas Inspector	\$ 8,100	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300

243 PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Salary	\$	7,000	\$	8,000	\$	8,000
Alt. Inspector	\$	500	\$	700	\$	700
Expenses	\$	600	\$	600	\$	600
Total Plumbing Inspector	\$	8,100	\$	9,300	\$	9,300

245 WIRING INSPECTOR

Salary	\$	15,200	\$	16,000	\$	16,000
Alt. Inspector	\$	800	\$	800	\$	800
Expenses	\$	1,200	\$	1,200	\$	1,200
Total Wiring Inspector	\$	17,200	\$	18,000	\$	18,000

291 CIVIL DEFENSE

Salary, Clerical	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Civil Defense	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

292 ANIMAL CONTROL

Salary						
Expenses	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
Total Animal Control	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000

294 TREE WARDEN

Salary	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Expenses	\$	20,000	\$	20,000	\$	20,000
Total Tree Warden	\$	21,000	\$	21,000	\$	21,000

299 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Salary						
Expenses	\$	-	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
Total Local Emerg. Mgt.	\$	-	\$	10,000	\$	10,000

300 AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Operating Expense	\$ 7,859,908	\$ 8,149,104	\$ 8,149,104
School Choice offset	\$ (1,073,150)	\$ (1,093,776)	\$ (1,093,776)
Total Public School	\$ 6,786,758	\$ 7,055,328	\$ 7,055,328

390 BLUE HILLS REG. SCHOOLS

Operating Expense	\$ 787,488	\$ 835,032	\$ 835,032
Schools to Careers	\$ 12,535	\$ 12,535	\$ 12,535
Total Blue Hills	\$ 800,023	\$ 847,567	\$ 847,567

395 NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL

Operating Expense	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Total Norfolk Aggie	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000

423 SNOW & ICE

Expenses	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Total Snow & Ice	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

424 STREET LIGHTING

Expenses	\$ 98,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000
Total Street Lighting	\$ 98,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000

433 WASTE DISPOSAL

Rubbish Collection	\$ 388,368	\$ 400,243	\$ 400,243
Recycling Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Total Waste Disposal	\$ 393,368	\$ 425,243	\$ 425,243

440 DPW

Salary	\$ 675,000	\$ 653,515	\$ 653,515
Expenses	\$ 575,866	\$ 649,252	\$ 649,252
Total DPW Department	\$ 1,250,866	\$ 1,302,767	\$ 1,302,767

449 SEWER DEPARTMENT

Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Sewer Department	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

510 BOARD OF HEALTH

Salary/Service	\$	66,485	\$	68,970	\$	68,970
Animal Inspector	\$	-	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Expenses	\$	8,080	\$	8,000	\$	8,000
Compost Attendant	\$	6,500	\$	6,500	\$	6,500
Total Board of Health	\$	81,065	\$	84,470	\$	84,470

529 HEALTH SERVICES

Visiting Nurses	\$	3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
Total Health Services	\$	3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000

541 COUNCIL ON AGING

Salary	\$	109,510	\$	159,378	\$	144,183
Expenses	\$	5,655	\$	7,425	\$	7,425
Total Council on Aging	\$	115,165	\$	166,803	\$	151,608

543 VETERANS SERVICES

Salary	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	15,000
Expenses	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Veterans Benefits	\$	18,200	\$	32,300	\$	32,300
Veterans Quarters	\$	700	\$	700	\$	700
Veterans Memorial Comm.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Veterans Services	\$	35,400	\$	49,500	\$	49,500

610 LIBRARY

Salary	\$	246,036	\$	266,036	\$	266,036
Expenses	\$	140,836	\$	146,082	\$	146,082
Total Library	\$	386,872	\$	412,118	\$	412,118

650 PARK & RECREATION

Salary	\$	24,353	\$	51,994	\$	24,353
Expenses	\$	35,130	\$	35,130	\$	35,130
Total Park & Rec.	\$	59,483	\$	87,124	\$	59,483

691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Historical Comm.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

695 CULTURAL COUNCIL

Expenses	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100
Total Cultural Council	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100

699 MEMORIAL DAY

Expenses	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$	7,000
Total Memorial Day	\$	7,000	\$	7,000	\$	7,000

DEBT PAYMENT

<u>710</u>	Debt outside cap	\$	1,737,719	\$	1,749,390	\$	1,749,390
<u>752</u>	Short Term						
<u>760</u>	Borrowing	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
	Cost of Bond						
	Issuance	\$	3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
Total Debt Payment		\$	1,741,719	\$	1,753,390	\$	1,753,390

PENSIONS

<u>911</u>	Norfolk County	\$	936,559	\$	969,509	\$	969,509
	Retirement						
<u>911</u>	Non-Contribu.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	Retirement						
	OPEB	\$	79,377	\$	80,171	\$	80,171
Total Pensions		\$	1,015,936	\$	1,049,680	\$	1,049,680

INSURANCE

<u>912</u>	Workmens Comp	\$ 159,650	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
<u>913</u>	Unemployment	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
<u>914</u>	Medical & Life	\$ 2,465,467	\$ 2,582,485	\$ 2,582,485
<u>916</u>	Medicare	\$ 145,000	\$ 147,000	\$ 147,000
<u>910</u>	Medicaid	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
<u>945</u>	Liability	\$ 190,550	\$ 212,000	\$ 212,000
Total Insurance		\$ 3,015,667	\$ 3,141,485	\$ 3,141,485
Total Budget		\$ 20,468,197	\$ 21,510,733	\$ 21,371,456

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** 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.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to the Special Sick Leave Revolving Fund that was established at the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2014, Article 5, for the purpose of funding buyback of sick and vacation time of retiring employees.

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A DECLARED 4/5 VOTE** to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Dollars (\$95.00) to pay a prior year bill reimbursing a Water Department employee for the newly mandated DLS Hoisting License annual physical.

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$78,122) to be used to make repairs and/or improvements to the Town Hall building.

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 2/3 VOTE (COUNTED VOTE YES 72/NO 22)** that Eleven Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,300,000) is appropriated to pay costs of planning, designing and constructing a new Police Facility to be located at the Crowley School property, and to pay costs of planning, designing and renovating the existing Fire Station, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. c.44, §§7(3) and 7(3A), or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2½), the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the installation of a new telecommunications system in the Police and Fire Building.

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars (\$10,198) for the purchase of electronic voting equipment.

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon by inserting after Article II. Section 4. G.

Electronic Voting. Subject to the availability of a system to enable electronic voting at Town Meeting using wireless handheld mobile devices, the Moderator may count the vote, or conduct a roll call vote, on any matter before the Town Meeting by the use of such an electronic vote counting system.

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept the provisions of MGL c.59, §5K, relative to reducing a portion of a property tax liability in exchange for volunteer services for persons over age 60 pursuant to an agreement to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from the Septic Loan Receipts Account the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$10,400) 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.

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Hundred Dollars (\$75,000) to be used by the Board of Assessors to fund work for State Mandated Recertification.

ARTICLE 15: FY2016 Capital Improvements Program Article

A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **DEFEATED BY THE MAJORITY** to appropriate a sum of money to be raised by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for the various capital and special projects for the Town, including, but not limited to, purchase of new and/or replacement equipment and vehicles, repairs or additions to the Town's facilities, including costs incidental and related to such projects, or to take any other action relative to the forgoing matters:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Selectmen	Town Hall Parking Lot	\$50,000
Selectmen	Town Hall/COA HVAC units	\$20,000
Selectmen	Copy Machine (Lease/Purchase)	\$10,910

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider this article and was **DEFEATED (2/3 VOTE NECESSARY TO RECONSIDER)**.

ARTICLE 16: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the CMVI Receipts Reserve Account for the purchase of two marked police vehicles.

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the CMVI Receipts Reserve Account for the purchase of tasers for Police Department use.

ARTICLE 18: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of a switching and handling element for the new computer system in the Police Department. This will allow the Police Department to utilize the new Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) from the CMVI Receipts Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and Ten Cents (\$27,700.10) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to purchase Cardiac Compression System devices for use by the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 20: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of One Hundred and Six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Four Dollars and Ninety Four Cents (\$106,394.94) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to pay the third of five (5) payments of the Lease Purchase Agreement on the Fire Department's Rescue Pumper truck.

ARTICLE 21: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept as public ways the following streets: (1) Bodwell Street Extension from Wales Avenue for a distance of 866 feet and (2) Ledin Drive, for a distance of 816 feet from the intersection of Bodwell Street in accordance with all Town By-Laws and state statutes.

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Nine Dollars and Seventy Six Cents (\$439,449.76) which is the balance of Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2013 to the Public Safety Stabilization Account.

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to repurpose the Restricted Development Lot D5-6 #7, formerly the Crowley School property, from its previous use of Education and Recreation to Municipal Public Safety and Recreation.

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) to replace the existing Health Department vehicle.

ARTICLE 25: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept the provisions of MGL c.59 §5N, relative to a reduction of property tax obligation of Veterans in exchange for volunteer services pursuant to an agreement to be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon, Article IX, by

Striking

Section 1 SALT USE ON PUBLICLY-MAINTAINED ROADS

Due to the high unacceptable sodium count in our Town's water supply, the Highway Department shall use a road salt mix no greater than four (4) parts sand and one (1) part Sodium Chloride as a de-icing agent during the winter months on all streets of the town.

and renumbering Section 2 as Section 1.

ARTICLE 27: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) for Cross Connection Program updates.

ARTICLE 28: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for projects related to drainage, including, but not limited to, cleaning of drainage ditches around Town, and to meet the new EPA Phase II Stormwater Regulations.

ARTICLE 29: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for, including but not limited to, protecting and maximizing the sustainability of the Town's water supply and treatment, evaluating and upgrading interconnects with area towns and supply capacities, projects related to water storage and distribution.

ARTICLE 30: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) for the purchase of vehicles, equipment and facility repairs for the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 31: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for security system upgrades at the Department of Public Works facilities.

ARTICLE 32: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for grinding and cleaning out of the Compost Site.

ARTICLE 33: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500) for development of a web hosted GIS system.

ARTICLE 34: An amended motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon,

Article V, Section 4 Public Bidding Requirements by striking the word

Bidding

and replacing it with-

Procurement.

AND

Striking Section

4 A. Expenditure Limitation Without Bid - No contract for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials, or to do any public work, or erect, construct, alter, remodel, demolish or repair any building the estimated cost of which equals or exceeds four thousand dollars (\$4,000) shall be awarded unless written proposals on identical written specifications – therefore have been invited by advertisement in one or more newspapers, published or having general circulation in the Town, such invitation stating the time for opening the proposals reserving the right to reject any or all such proposals. Written specifications of the kind of work to be performed and the manner of performance, shall be incorporated as part of any contract and shall also be in writing.

and replacing it with-

A. All Town procurement shall follow the provisions of state law, including but not limited to MGL c30B, c30 s39m, and c149.

AND

By adding the underlined words to the following:

B. Emergency Exception - Nothing in this bylaw shall prevent the awarding of contract without advertising or appropriation in cases of emergency declared by the Selectmen and as provided by in Chapter 44, Section 31, of the General Laws.

C. Appropriation Limit - No contract for the purpose of equipment, supplies, or materials, or to do any public work, or erect, construct, alter, remodel, demolish or repair any building shall be awarded in excess of the appropriation therefore or in excess of the current funds thereof, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 31 of the General Laws, except as provided by state law.

Where the contract equals or exceeds Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000), the Town Accountant must certify that funds are available in the appropriate account which matches the value of the contract prior to award, and in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 31C of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 35: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon, Article V, Section 5 Performance Bonds by striking the following lines:

Performance Bonds- A bond, for the duration of the contract, shall be required for the faithful performance or any and all contracts which exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). Where contracts exceed one (1) year, the performance bond shall be renewed at the end of each contract year.

And replacing it with-

Performance Bonds shall be provided for contracts as required by applicable state law.

ARTICLE 36: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept MGL c. 64L, §2(a) to impose a local meals tax.

ARTICLE 37: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 2/3 VOTE (COUNTED VOTE YES 83/NO 7)** appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise.

ARTICLE 38: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 2/3 VOTE** to transfer the sum of Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000) from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 10:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia C. Bessette
Town Clerk