



**TOWN OF AVON**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

Moderator Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the required quorum of 50 being present. Moderator Staffier asked Selectmen Hegarty to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Staffier called for a moment of silence for all those harmed by terrorist and for those serving our country that are in harm's way.

The Moderator called for Article 1.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One dollars (\$35,741) to Blue Hills Regional Schools ATM line item 390.

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer insurance proceeds from the Receipts Reserve Account into the Insurance Revolving Fund the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Four dollars and Thirty Two cents (\$29,664.32), (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, §53F) to be expended by the Department of Public works to offset costs associated with the winter storm damage of the Quonset hut that occurred on or near February 13, 2015, which led to the collapse of the building.

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 2/3 VOTE (COUNTED YES 44 /NO 11)** to transfer the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$450,000) from Free Cash to be placed in a stabilization account for the purposes of addressing traffic, parking and related safety concerns at the Ralph D. Butler School.

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement to aggregate electric rates for the community either directly or through a purchasing collaborative of municipalities.

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §42A through 42I, inclusive, (water rates), which statutes provide for a method of collection of water rates.

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to allow insurance proceeds from the Receipts Reserve Account into the Insurance Revolving Fund the sum of Eighty Five Thousand dollars

(\$85,000), (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, §53F) to be expended by the School Department to offset costs associated with the winter storm damage of the Avon Middle High School that occurred on or near February 13, 2015, which led to the damage of roof.

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Two dollars (\$79,222) to be used to make repairs of the Library Roof and install new carpet.

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 2/3 VOTE (COUNTED YES 45 /NO 4)** to amend the boundaries of the Water Supply Protection Zoning District to meet the requirements of MADEP Regulation 310 CMR 22.21, Groundwater Supply Protection; and to be consistent with section 5-4 (C) of Avon Zoning Bylaws, said map showing the boundary changes is available with the Town Clerk and subject to a public hearing.

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A DECLARED 9/10 VOTE (COUNTED YES 52 /NO 3)** to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Eight dollars (\$10,198) to pay a prior year bill for Tristan Medical, Weston and Sampson, Water Safety Services, and Good Samaritan Medical center.

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, §15B and to establish a Tax Title Revolving Fund for the Treasurer/Collector or any successor position(s), to which fund shall be credited any fees, charges and costs incurred by such officer under sections Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60, §15, 55, 62, 65, 68, or 79 collected upon the redemption of tax titles and sales of real property acquired through foreclosures of tax titles, and which amounts may be expended for expenses incurred under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 60 in connection with a tax taking or tax title foreclosure, including, but not limited to, fees and costs of recording or filing documents and instruments, searching and examining titles, mailing, publishing or advertising notices or documents, petitioning the land court, serving court filings and documents and paying legal fees, with said fund to be effective November 1, 2015.

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Nine dollars and Seventy Six cents (\$759.76) for a Retro increase salary raise to an office that was miscalculated in the prior year.

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate from available funds, One Hundred Twelve Thousand dollars (\$112,000), or any other sum for the purpose of proportionally funding the fifty third week of payroll for all municipal departments.

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five dollars (\$9,875.00) to fund the codification of the Towns General Bylaws, Zoning Bylaws, DPW, Board of Health and Subdivision Regulations.

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Three dollars (\$143,353) and transfer from Article 25 of the ATM of 2014 (Well #3 repairs) the amount of Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Seven dollars (\$56,647) to replace Well #1 and related water supply improvements in the Trout Brook Aquifer.

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate from available funds the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand and Seventy Eight dollars (\$58,078), for the purchase of Phone System Up Grade, and Consolidation of Town Hall Server and Associated Training and Wiring.

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Stabilization Account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia C. Bessette  
Town Clerk