



TOWN OF AVON NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Police Department	508-583-6677
Fire Department	508-583-5361
Town Hall	508-588-0414
Accountant	1031
Assessors	1027
Board of Health	1016
Board of Selectmen	1019
Building Inspector	1022
DPW	1024
Planning Department	1017
Tax Collector	1012
Town Administrator	1020
Town Clerk	1013
Public Library	508-583-0378
Council on Aging	508-559-0060
School Department	508-588-0230
Housing Authority	508-588-1847
Animal Control	508-767-5259

TOWN WEBSITE

www.avon-ma.gov

TOWN HALL HOURS

Mon. – Wed.	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
CLOSED:	

February 18, 2019 - Presidents' Day



WINTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the safety of all residents, it is requested that residents abide by the following rules during the winter months.

- The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15, 2018 through April 15, 2019. No overnight parking on the street is allowed.
- Please remove all items such as basketball hoops, hockey nets and other items from the street during the winter months. The Town is not responsible for damaged items.
- Snow plow removal into the streets is strictly prohibited.
- Please do not place sump pump hoses into the street. Removal of water into the street is not allowed as it creates icy roads.



CENSUS & DOG LICENSING FOR 2019

The 2019 Annual Street Listing/Census information was mailed out to all residents in January. Update the information provided by adding, deleting or making changes. Please sign and respond within ten days, even if no changes are necessary. If you have any questions call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-588-0414 or email pbessette@avon-ma.gov.

Three ways to license your dog:

1. In person at the Town Clerk's office.
2. Mail – Mail in the Dog license renewal that was included with your 2019 Annual Street Listing/Census. Renewal forms can also be found at www.avon-ma.gov.
3. Process your dog license online www.avon-ma.gov

THE TOWN OF AVON WELCOMES

Denis Linehan, Deputy Police Chief

Denis Linehan was recently appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Police for the Town of Avon. Denis is a native of Manchester, NH, and served the Nashua NH Police Department for nearly 25 years. Denis most recently served as the Deputy Chief of Field Operations in Nashua, which included approximately 110 members of the uniform division, the SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, Canine Unit, Traffic Enforcement Unit, Bicycle Unit, Mobile Field Force, and Motorcycle Unit. As Deputy Chief, Denis was also responsible for community initiatives, budget preparation, and collective bargaining negotiations. Denis has extensive investigation experience, having served at every rank within the detective division.

Denis is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, he received his master's degree in Administrative Studies from Boston College and his bachelor's degree from Northeastern University. Denis is looking forward to getting to know the Avon community and working with them in order to build strong partnerships.

Denis has three children and resides in Brockton with his wife.



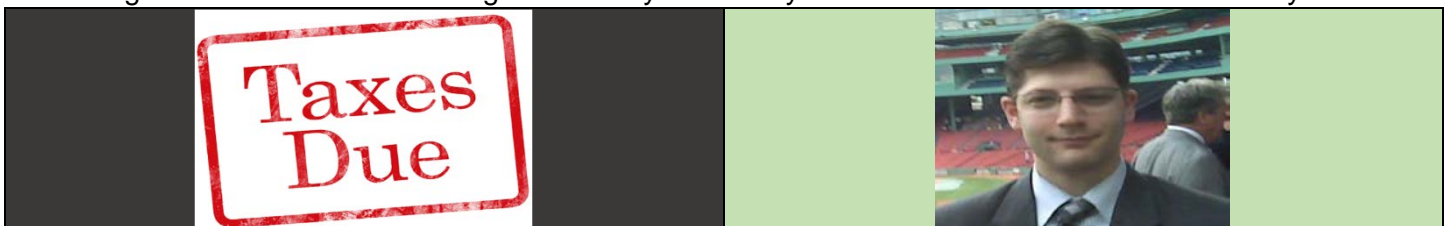
(Selectman Beckerman, Chief Bukunt, Deputy Chief Linehan, Chairman Rose, Selectman Brady)

Michael Spagone, Assistant Tax Collector

Michael J. Spagone was recently appointed as the Town of Avon's new Assistant Tax Collector on December 20, 2018. Michael, or "MJ" as they prefer, recently served as Executive Assistant in the Town Manager's Office in the Town of Bridgewater, working with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager (2015-2018). Prior to that post, Michael served as Secretary of the Bridgewater Finance Committee (2011-2015) and also in the Town of Dartmouth's Collector's Office as a Cashier and Administrative Assistant (2011-2015). Michael also brings with them experience from the Massachusetts State House where they served as a Legislative Aide to a state representative from Worcester County (2008-2011).

Michael received a Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College in May 2006 with a major in History and minor in Political Science; and also took a semester internship in the U.S. House of Representatives with a Congressman from Dayton, Ohio (January to May 2006).

In addition to their knowledge and background, MJ brings with them an ever-present desire to serve the public and willingness to tackle new challenges each day. Come by the Treasurer-Collector's Office to say hello!



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

JANUARY 10, 2019 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$93,698.71) to pay for bond borrowing costs authorized by Article 8 of the May 2015, Annual Town Meeting for the construction of a new public safety building and Article 21 of the May 2017, Annual Town Meeting for the water main replacement project of the "Brentwood" area.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the *Massachusetts General Laws*, as amended by §15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer-Collector to execute a declaration of trust creating an expendable trust for the purpose of holding monies appropriated to such fund; to designate the Treasurer-Collector as the trustee of such trust; to authorize the transfer of any and all monies currently held for the purpose of paying retiree health and life benefits to such trust; and to authorize the trustee to invest and reinvest the monies in such fund under the prudent investor rule established in Chapter 203C.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept the provisions of M.G.L., c. 71, §. 37M which permits the Consolidation of Administration Functions between the Avon Public Schools and the Town of Avon for the combination of the IT Departments. Any specific consolidation is subject to the vote of the School Committee and the vote of the Board of Selectmen and may be revoked at any time by the School Committee and/or the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$96,600) to be placed in an account for the purposes of repairs to the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School to include the replacement of the intercom/communication system and the renovation of the front entry way.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to fund the removal of the existing oil fired furnace and oil tank and install a new high efficiency gas fired furnace, interior gas piping from existing meter location, and any related costs, for the Avon Public Library.

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 9/10th VOTE** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Fifty Six Cents (\$9,633.56) to pay outstanding prior year bills.

CitiBank N.A.: \$562.26

Comcast: \$882.44

PowerPhone \$74.70

Constellation Energy: \$7,783.89

Various Medical Bills: \$330.27

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to implement an award issued by the Joint Labor Management Committee in the case of Avon Police, Local 383 and the Town of Avon, No. JLMC 116-5322, and Memorandum of Agreement for FY18.

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to create a Capital Expense Stabilization Fund, as provided for in M.G.L., c.40, §5B, to provide for Capital Expenditures made by the Town and to appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from Free Cash to be added to said Stabilization Fund.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS (CONTINUED)

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from the Ambulance Account the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000), for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new replacement command vehicle for the fire department.

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to amend the Town of Avon Zoning By-Laws with the text pertaining to buildable uplands by adding Buildable Uplands to Section II Definitions and adding new text to Section 7-5, A-2 Specific Requirements for Particular Uses by Special Permit as posted with the Town Clerk and subject to a Public Hearing.

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to amend the Town of Avon Zoning By-Laws with the text pertaining to Section 12-7, Violations and Penalties as posted with the Town Clerk and subject to a Public Hearing.

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to amend the current Avon Zoning Map to change Lot E5-3-8 back to its original layout from the zoning map of May 7, 1997, as voted at the May 12, 1998 Annual Town Meeting (Article 9) and posted with the Town Clerk and subject to a Public Hearing.

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded to amend this article and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase the property at 144-156 South Street, and identified by the Town of Avon Assessor's Office as Map C3, Block 2, Lot 7/8 for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300,000) from Free Cash and to execute such instruments, agreements and documents and to take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this article.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Tax Bills Due	2
3	4	5	6	7 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Town Hall	8	9 Bulk Collection Day Items Curbside 7 AM
10	11	12	13	14 Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day Town Hall Closed	19 SCHOOL Last Day to File Nomination Papers	20 VACATION	21 BOS Meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Town Hall	22 WEEK	23
24	25	26	27	28		