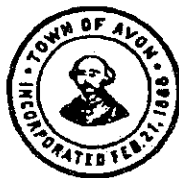


**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**



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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015 7:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Francis T. Crimmins, Jr., Town Administrator  
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Police Officer Eric Hauvuy led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item of business was the Reorganization of the Board.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Francis A. Hegarty as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.  
Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to appoint Steven P. Rose as Clerk of the Board. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the following minutes as read:

Saturday, March 7, 2015 (Budget Meeting)  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 (Meeting with the Board of Assessors, Cable  
TV Advisory Committee and Board of Health)  
Thursday, March 19, 2015 (Regular Session)  
Thursday, March 26, 2015 (Regular Session)  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (Regular Session)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rose. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, March 19, 2015 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On the recommendation of Police Chief Martineau, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the promotion of Erik Hauvuy from Avon Police Officer to the rank of Sergeant of the Avon Police Department. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sergeant Hauvuy was pinned by his wife Kristin. His parents were present as well as his two children, Natalie and Jake.

The Board congratulated Sergeant Hauvuy and his family on his appointment to Sergeant of the Avon Police Department and wished him a successful and safe career.

A request for gift acceptance was received from the Council on Aging. A donation, in the amount of \$1500.00, was received from the estate of Peg Meninno to be used for appliance upgrade and improvements to the Senior Center.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the gift in memory of Peg Meninno to the Council on Aging Senior Center. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty announced a meeting would be held next week with members of the Avon VFW relative to plans for the Memorial Day Parade.

On the recommendation of DPW Director William Fitzgerald, Mr. Rose made a motion to award the street sweeping contract to Wells Landscaping, Inc. of Randolph, MA at a price of \$125.00 per hour, the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty reminded residents that on Saturday, May 2, 2015 a Town-wide Cleanup Day would be held. Avon residents of all ages are invited to take part in this community building event. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Town Hall parking lot. Gloves and bags will be provided. Following the event, participants are invited to the Town Hall for a cookout. Please contact Tara Tradd, Health Agent, to register your team at (508) 588-0414 Ext. 1016.

Chairman Hegarty read a Proclamation "Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day" where the Board of Selectmen proclaims Saturday, May 9, 2015 as "Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day" in the Town of Avon and the Board encourages residents to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near their mailbox on food drive day. Your letter carrier will pick up the non-perishable food items while delivering the mail and together we can help those in need.

A letter was received from the Avon Baptist Church Men's Fellowship requesting a Flea Market Permit with the permit fee waived. The Flea Market would be held each Saturday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning May 9<sup>th</sup> and running through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Brady made a motion to grant the Flea Market Permit and waive the permit fee. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Hegarty commended the students and faculty at Butler Elementary School for sponsoring a fundraiser that was held in memory of Martin Richard who was killed in the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013. The school raised \$2400.00 to be donated to the Martin Richard Fund. Principal Darrin Reynolds will be running in the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

A request for a temporary sign permit was received from Frangioso Granite, Inc. located at 108 Bodwell Street. The signs to be displayed are advertising a "Moving Sale" for the company and would be displayed from April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for Frangioso Granite, Inc. at 108 Bodwell Street. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A request for two temporary sign permits was received from Affordable Furniture to Go to advertise a "Spring Sale" and a "Memorial Day" Sale. Two 4 x 6 vinyl banners will be displayed from April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup> respectively.

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to approve the two temporary sign permit requests for Affordable Furniture to Go for the above-mentioned display dates.

A temporary sign permit request was received from the New Balance Factory Store at 15 Stockwell Drive wanting to display four tear drop banners advertising their "Grand Opening." The banners would be displayed from April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for the New Balance Factory Store advertising their "Grand Opening" from April 16<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

An update of street opening permits/road cuts furnished by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts was given to the Board as of April 16, 2015.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty asked Town Administrator Crimmins to get in touch with Joe Cardinal of National Grid to set up a time to come before the Board to discuss a schedule for tree cutting and tree planting in Avon.

Meetings for the month of May were announced as follows:

**WEDNESDAY**, May 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

**Chairman Hegarty announced the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 has been postponed until Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 is Town Wide Clean Up Day.  
Saturday, May 9, 2015 is the Letter Carrier Food Drive**

Avon resident Paul Chute thanked the Board of Selectmen for the Letter Carrier Food Drive Proclamation.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Town Administrator Crimmins congratulated Chairman Hegarty on his re-election to the Board of Selectmen and Patricia Bessette as Town Clerk. He stated the Annual Town Election went very smoothly.

Mr. Crimmins discussed a draft proposal of a Veteran Work Off Program with the Board. Dale Kurtz, Regional Director, reviewed the draft proposal and found that it did not allow for a proxy to work for a disabled veteran. He suggested adding a proxy worker to the program.

Mr. Crimmins informed the Board that he received a draft from the Conservation Commission of a Wetlands Protection By-Law for a future Town Meeting article.

Town Administrator Crimmins reported he followed up with OCPC relative to a letter that was received from FEMA regarding Risk Mapping. OCPC informed Mr. Crimmins through the GIS Mapping System that the Town of Avon does not touch the Charles River Watershed.

Building Inspector—Phase I of the Town Hall renovation project has been completed. Lighting will be added to the building.

Police Department—promotion of Officer Erik Hauvuy to the rank of Sergeant.

DPW—Director Bill Fitzgerald updates—Porter Well 4-Log—pipe is installed. SCADA—bids that came in were higher than what we have left in the article. Street sweeping in Town will begin on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We are asking residents to assist by sweeping sand off the sidewalks in front of their houses into the gutter. Old Colony Planning Council has agreed to assist the Town in GPS'g and mapping our storm drain system. Norfolk County Mosquito Control has provided us with their GIS maps of drainage swales and ditches.

Treasurer/Collector—updates of FY '16 Appropriations vs. Revenue Projections

Board of Assessors—on April 15, 2015 declared Overlay Surplus and released it to the General Fund for a total of \$152,151.60.

Town Accountant Shannon MacKenzie has assisted me with the fuel study figures.

Town Administrator Crimmins reported he attended an Old Colony Planning Council Community Municipal Aggregation Meeting today. He explained Municipal Aggregation is the process by which a municipality purchases electricity in bulk from competitive electricity suppliers instead of an investor-owned utility on behalf of the residences and businesses within the community. Citizens are automatically enrolled in the program, subject to the citizen's right to opt out.

FINCOM—The Finance Committee Report is being sent to residents. The report contains the Finance Committee's recommendations on the articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Annual Town Meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2015 will be adjourned immediately and reconvened on June 9, 2015. Thank you to Chairman Eric Beckerman.

E-mails being sent to the address @ avonmass.org and the website address @ avon-ma.gov—in two months both will be avon-ma.gov.

Town Clerk—Ms. Bessette reported this has been a busy month with preparation for the Town Meeting and the Town Election. In the month of March we had 12,768 hits on the Town's website avon-ma.gov. To help promote the new website, we are distributing magnets with the name. The VFW and Civic Association are new sites under community information.

Board of Health—Tara Tradd has informed employees of MIIA's Wellness Programs each month. A YOGA class has been ongoing on Wednesday afternoons in the Meeting Room. Ms. Tradd keeps the staff involved with self directed activities in addition to her regular duties as Health Agent.

Library—Programming includes a basic babysitting class that begins on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and story hour continues for toddlers.

Council on Aging—Next week Police Chief David Martineau and the Avon Police Department invite you to their Annual Police Luncheon on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Please call or sign up for this event by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Selectmen is invited to an open house at Weiss Sheet Metal on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weiss Sheet Metal is pleased to announce its golden anniversary in business at 105 Bodwell Street.

School Department—Mr. Crimmins was pleased to inform the Board that School Superintendent Zinni sent a letter to the Board thanking them for their quick response to the School Department's concerns regarding the Ralph D. Butler Elementary School parking lot. DPW staff arrived at the school on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and filled all the major pot holes in the parking lot.

Town Counsel—Attorney Lalli will follow-up on the Code Red Agreement.

Town Administrator Crimmins asked the Board to set an Executive Session meeting date so that collective bargaining and the Celco Construction Corp. case could be discussed.

At 8:30 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Brady made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miriam Rothstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Miriam Rothstein  
Secretary