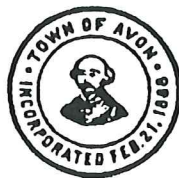


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
WORKSHOP SESSION
7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Francis T. Crimmins, Jr., Town Administrator
Shanna Faro, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator
Patricia Bessette, Town Clerk
Paul Zinni, Superintendent of Schools

School Committee: Jeanne Martineau, Chair
Tracy Sheehan, Vice Chair (*arrived late at 7:30 p.m.*)
Sharon Marble, Secretary
Kathleen O'Reilly, Member
Anne Hagberg, Member

Discussion with School Committee Regarding Capital Planning

Chairman Hegarty opened up the discussion by informing the School Committee that the Town of Avon currently has \$1.2 million dollars in free cash and \$574,000 in tax levy capacity. Mr. Hegarty stated that there were a number of issues in the Town that need to be addressed and that it is the intention of the Board of Selectmen to hold a Special Town Meeting to resolve some of the Town's issues with these funds rather than place all of the money into the stabilization account.

Mr. Hegarty informed the School Committee that one of the issues the Selectmen would like to address in an article for the Special Town Meeting is the problematic situation with the Butler School parking lot. The Board of Selectmen would like to allocate \$450,000 of the free cash money to design and construct more parking spaces at the Butler School. Mr. Hegarty noted that the Board of Selectmen realize that \$450,000 will not be enough money to fund the entire project, however, it will alleviate some of the problem. Mr. Hegarty stated that more money can be transferred to this project at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Hegarty explained that if the project can be done without going to bond, it will save a lot of time and money.

School Committee Chair Jeanne Martineau requested the deadline date for article submission for the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hegarty responded that the warrant was opened on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Board of Selectmen meeting. The warrant would close tonight at midnight and the date of the Special Town Meeting is Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Ms. Martineau inquired as to some of the other articles that would be included on the warrant. Mr. Hegarty responded that some of the other articles on

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the warrant would include requesting the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds: the sum of \$35,741 the balance due to Blue Hills Vocational School ATM line item 390; \$79,222 to be used to make repairs of the Library roof and install new carpet; \$10,198 in old bills from the previous year to be paid; \$112,000 for a 53rd week of payroll which was not calculated for all municipal departments; \$759.76 for a retro pay increase for an officer in the Police Department that was previously miscalculated; and \$9,875 to recodify the Town's General Bylaws and Zoning Bylaws, a project which has not been done in over twenty years.

Both Superintendent Zinni and Ms. Martineau asked Selectmen Rose as to his thoughts on the school parking lot project. Mr. Rose responded that he would like to see the \$450,000 allotted to the project be approved by the voters at the Special Town Meeting to begin the project, and then the Selectmen can see how much more money the project will need at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Zinni also asked Mr. Rose if this should be a summer project to which Mr. Rose replied that this project does not necessarily have to wait that long to begin.

Ms. O'Reilly noted that the language in the article for the Butler School parking lot should stress the number of safety concerns associated with the current parking lot.

Mr. Zinni thanked the Board of Selectmen for their consideration to the School Committee in addressing the Butler School parking lot situation. Mr. Zinni stated that this project has been an issue for quite some time and he was hopeful the article would pass at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Hegarty stated that he believed the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee should stand united on this project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shanna M. Faro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shanna" being more prominent than the last name "Faro".

Shanna M. Faro
Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator