

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Steven P. Rose, Clerk
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014 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.

Selectman Rose led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hegarty called for a moment of silence in memory of Edward Williams who passed away this week. Mr. Williams dedicated his time to many boards and committees in the Town of Avon such as the School Committee, School Building Committee, Finance Committee, Emergency Preparedness and By-Law Committee. The Board wanted to express its condolences to his family.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, November 6, 2014 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, November 6, 2014 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Bob Costa, President of AIPA, appeared in the audience and wanted to thank the Board for its time two weeks ago during the Tax Classification Hearing. He wanted business owners to know how hard the Board of Selectmen works with AIPA. Chairman Hegarty wanted residents to know how the Town reaches out to the businesses in Town for additional support in many areas. On behalf of the Board, thank you to the businesses in Avon for their support. We appreciate it and they are not mentioned often enough.

AWARD BID FOR ROCK SALT

DPW Director Bill Fitzgerald recommended awarding the bid for bulk rock salt to the lowest bidder, Eastern Minerals, Inc. of Lowell, MA, at \$69.90 per ton delivered.

Mr. Brady made a motion to award the bid for bulk rock salt to Eastern Minerals, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder at \$69.90/ton delivered. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AWARD BID FOR WASHED COARSE SAND

DPW Director Bill Fitzgerald recommended awarding the bid for washed coarse sand to T.L. Edwards, Inc. of Avon, MA, the lowest responsible bidder, at \$14.98/ton.

Mr. Brady made a motion to award the bid for washed coarse sand to T.L. Edwards, Inc. at a cost of \$14.98/ton. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

It was unanimously voted to include the following language in both salt and sand motions stated above: "The Town of Avon reserves the right to purchase based upon price and different stockpile sources and availability. Non-compliance in receiving product from the primary source may compromise the safety and well being for those who traverse on Avon's roadways. Therefore, we reserve the right to purchase from another source on a case by case basis, if the awardee cannot meet requests and demand."

Chairman Hegarty announced the Town of Avon's Annual Christmas Celebration begins on Saturday, December 6th from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at DeMarco Park with a turkey dinner at the Avon Baptist Church, the arrival of Santa Claus, amusement rides, hot cocoa and coffee. On Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. a tree decorating contest will be held; a teddy bear parade, a concert at St. Michael's Church, horse and carriage rides and more. For further information, please go to Avon's website at www.avonmass.org. Contributions can be made and sent to the Avon Town Hall.

ADDITIONAL REAPPOINTMENTS FOR 2014/2015

Chairman Hegarty read the following list of additional reappointments for 2014/2015:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD/COMMISSION</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE:</u>
Charles Comeau	Board of Appeals	June 30, 2017
Edward Mekjian	Board of Appeals (ALT.)	June 30, 2017
*Jeffrey Ward (Removed)	By-Law Committee	June 30, 2017
Warren B. Lane	Cable TV Advisory	June 30, 2015
Gerald Picardi	Cable TV Advisory	June 30, 2015
Sharon Kelly	Cable TV Advisory	June 30, 2015
Linda Chute	Historical Commission	June 30, 2017
Paul Chute	Historical Commission	June 30, 2017
Jean Inman	Registrar of Voters	June 30, 2017
Philip J. Tortorella	Registrar of Voters	June 30, 2017

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the list of reappointments as read. Mr. Rose offered a friendly amendment and stated that Jeffrey Ward did not send in a Letter of Interest as required and should be removed from the list as reappointments are made only to those who send a Letter of Interest to the Board.*

It was unanimously voted to approve the motion as amended.

Chairman Hegarty wanted to thank Avon resident Constance Vieira for photographs she found and donated to the Town of the Avon's girls' basketball team, a picture of the Avon Bulldogs team from 1938 and others from her youth. The photographs will be displayed in Town Hall once the renovation is complete.

Meetings for the month of December were announced as follows:

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Avon Town Hall will be closed to the public on Friday, November 28th (the day after Thanksgiving), Friday December 26th (the day after Christmas) and Friday, January 2, 2015 (the day after New Year's).

Town Administrator Crimmins announced he received great news from MASS DOT. MASS DOT approved two (2) road improvement project requests at Harrison Blvd. and East Main Street. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen, Representative Galvin and Senator Joyce for their assistance.

The Compost Site will be closing for the season on Sunday, November 30th.

Chairman Hegarty reported Governor Patrick has made 9C cuts due to a state budget deficit of 329 million dollars. This reflects cuts in education funding for the Town of Avon in the amount of \$86,824; General Government cuts of \$42,369 for a total of \$129,193 in promised funding. The Governor's budget cuts would hit every city, town and local school district with an unexpected loss of \$40.3 million in promised funding that is used to deliver important municipal and school programs.

Chairman Hegarty would like to ask the Board's permission to contact Representative Galvin and Senator Joyce and request officials to protect local aid at all costs.

Mr. Brady made a motion to contact the legislature to oppose any cuts in local aid. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Crimmins reported that he has been working with department heads to get the budget ready. He met this morning with the Finance Team. All departments must submit their budgets to the Town Administrator by Friday, December 5th.

Town Administrator Crimmins stated he is busy with collective bargaining issues. He has met with Town Counsel Lalli to discuss pending legal matters. A civil dispute has been settled and in the process of being resolved.

Building Inspector—The Town Hall building has some maintenance issues. Town Administrator Crimmins will update the Board of Selectmen in writing relative to the replacement and/or repair of heating units in the Town Hall. The parking lot is still dark. The outside lights don't work because the wires have burnt out. Thank you to Bob Borden for his help in the Town Hall renovation. Mr. Borden reported he is currently busy with the annual renewal of liquor license inspections.

Police Department—Police Chief Martineau has discussed looking for lateral transfers from other communities. This would give Avon an extra officer on the street immediately.

Fire Department—A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been signed for the Call Firefighters (Avon Firefighters Relief Association) for the term beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

DPW—Mr. Crimmins discussed the Porter Street Well; DEP requirements and the snow season. Vendor contracts for rock salt and washed coarse sand are in the process of being signed. Christine Clifford has done an excellent job with the water bills.

Treasurer/Collector—the office is running well. Deb Morin has completed training courses.

Town Accountant Shannon MacKenzie—in charge of all contracts for the Town.

Board of Assessors—The Town of Avon is one of the first communities to get the tax rate approved.

Town Clerk—working with Shanna Faro to put current announcements on the Town's website; www.avonmass.org.

Board of Health—Outreach; Emergency Medical Dispensing Area with the Town of Holbrook.

Library—Report of a leak in the roof. The library has available books, music, DVD's, language tapes.

Council on Aging—Today the COA had its annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Over 50 meals were served and 15 meals delivered to homes. Lunch is available at the COA on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a nominal fee.

School Department—contract settled.

Chairman Hegarty and the Board thanked Mr. Crimmins for inviting them to the first annual Thanksgiving Day luncheon here at Town Hall. Chairman Hegarty thanked Mr. Crimmins for a wonderful program enjoyed by all.

At 8:15 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Hegarty wished all residents a safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein

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Secretary