

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Frank Hegarty, Board Members Steven Rose and Robert Brady

Francis T. Crimmins, Jr., Town Administrator

Motion: (at 7:32 p.m.) To convene in Open Session to discuss the posted Agenda, namely, a discussion with two of the Elected Boards in the Town of Avon as well as one appointed Committee.

(Rose/Brady). Roll call vote: Chairman Hegarty – Aye, Selectman Rose – Aye, Selectman Brady – Aye 3:0. Motion passes.

Chairman Hegarty welcomed the Board of Assessors to discuss their issues and concerns with the Board of Selectmen. The Chair mentioned that the BOS was in the process of preparing for the ATM of 2015 and they wanted to make sure that they had an accurate figure for Projected Revenue for FY' 16. The Chairman of the Board of Assessors, W. Bruce Lane, described the process by which the Board of Assessors comes up with this revenue estimate. Chairman Lane also discussed the reasons for the request of additional monies in the Assessors' Departmental Budget, as compared to the present fiscal year FY'15. There was a discussion that a vacancy may arise in the position of Assistant Assessor. The current position is held by an individual who has informed the Board of Assessors that he is interviewing in communities that offer a larger salary. The Board of Assessors indicated that they would be prepared in the event that this circumstance occurs.

Chairman Hegarty next welcomed members of the Cable TV Advisory Committee to address the Board of Selectmen. In attendance, representing the Cable TV Advisory Committee were Bruce Lane, Jerry Picardi and Sharon Kelly. A discussion ensued about the Franchise Agreement that would expire in 2018. The Chairman of the Committee, Bruce Lane, opined that the problem that the Town faces is a lack of service and options for subscribers that are afforded to subscribers of larger communities that generate more revenue for the Franchisee. There was a discussion as to what the options for the Town were, as well as an inquiry regarding the options of partnering with other towns or the City of Brockton to become part of a different cable district. The

Committee indicated that they would like to consult with the legal counsel that had assisted the Committee previously on this issue.

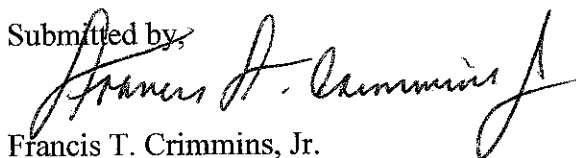
Next, Chairman Hegarty welcomed the Board of Health. In attendance for the Board of Health were Chairman Jerry Picardi, Clerk Robert Ogilvie, and Health Agent Tara Tradd. There was a detailed discussion regarding the Board's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 and the Board's Warrant Articles for the Annual Town Meeting. There was great interest in the Sewer Loan Program Article where Chairman Picardi gave a detailed description of the program's highlights. The Selectmen engaged in a brief discussion about the Town's Trash and Recycling collection and disposal contract. The contract ends in June of 2016; the Board of Health is currently in the process of writing a Request for Proposals and meeting with the various local industry leaders to help assist with current trends in services and education to help better serve the Avon Community.

At the conclusion of the discussion with the Board of Health, the Town Administrator requested that the Board take a vote on the request of Superintendent of Public Works, William Fitzgerald, to request the Selectmen to help allow an emergency procurement for the installation of piping to allow the Porter Well to meet four log requirements that were recently approved by the Mass DEP.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady to allow an emergency procurement for the installation of piping to allow the Porter Well to meet the four log requirements recently approved by Mass DEP. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to add: "subject to getting three written quotes." The friendly amendment was adopted by Mr. Brady and on the motion as amended, the motion carried by unanimous vote of 3 – 0.

Motion: (at 9:37 p.m.) To adjourn. (Rose/Brady) Roll Call vote: Hegarty - Aye, Rose - Aye, Brady - Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

Submitted by,



Francis T. Crimmins, Jr.
Town Administrator