



FY₂₃ BUDGET PRESENTATION AND WARRANT INFORMATION SESSION

FY23 BUDGET



STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS

FUND	AMOUNT	
General Stabilization	\$2,970,833	
Public Safety	\$378,549	
MBTE	\$5,638,848	\$3,477,477 is settlement amount
Capital	\$912,246	
OPEB	\$2,970,833	
Overlay	\$831,461	\$783,569 with outstanding items
HL Blanchard Trust	\$355,176	Library Trust Fund

LOCAL RECEIPTS YTD

FY22

FY22 Est.	FY22 YTD 3.31.22	FY21 YTD 3.31.22
\$2,660,981	\$1,869,345.97	\$2,135,928

FY23 Estimates: \$2,783,00

- Difference is tied to MV bills going out later this year.
- Investment income continues to disappoint. FY23 change will reflect new reality.
- FY23 Estimate does not include community impact fee.
- FY23 Estimate could increase if FY22 ends on positive and early FY23 receipts show less COVID impact.
- Positive receipts/opening of INSA, could result in reduction of levy funded needed.
- Of Note: \$331,161 in tax liens paid off this year (properties paying off during sale of property). Cannot predict and not budgeted.
- Tax Collections/state aid are on par with estimates for year.

FY 23 BUDGET REVIEW

ESTIMATED REVENUE

REVENUE	FY 22	% OF BUDGET	FY23	% INCREASE/DECREASE	% OF BUDGET
Levy	\$22,129,937	80%	\$21,779,937	-\$350,000 (-1.6%)	77%
Local Receipts	\$2,660,981	9%	\$2,783,000	\$122,019 (4.6%)	10%
State Aid	\$2,745,200	10%	\$3,479,771	\$734,570 (26.8%*)	12%
Transfers	\$174,000	1%	\$186,000	\$12,000 (6.9%)	1%
Totals:	\$27,710,118		\$28,228,708	\$518,590 (1.8%)	100%

FY23 STATE AID FIGURES

FY22 Budget: \$2,796,083

- Ch 70: \$2,465,569
- Charter Reimbursement: \$14,070
- Unrestricted General Govt: \$761,741
- Veteran/Elderly: \$48,460
- Assessments: (\$567,515)

Latest Cherry Sheet: \$3,523,069
(\$22,000 increase from earlier)

- Ch 70: \$3,207,358
- Charter Reimbursement: \$189,244
- Unrestricted General Govt: \$782,308
- Veteran/Elderly: \$8,704
- Assessments: (\$685,037)

FY 23 BUDGET REVIEW

LEVY LIMIT

REVENUE	FY 22	FY22 USED	FY23 AVAILABLE	FY23 TARGET
Levy 21:	\$21,834,085	\$21,834,085	\$22,632,233	\$21,779,937
2.5%:	\$545,852	\$45,852	\$565,806	\$0
New Growth:	\$252,295	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0

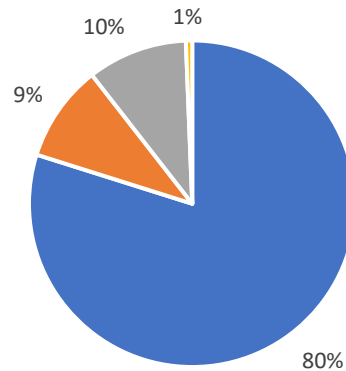
Totals:	\$22,632,233	\$22,129,937 (-\$502,296)	\$23,448,039 (\$1,318,102)	\$21,779,937 (\$1,668,102)
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- \$350,000 LESS than last year.
- Difference of available levy and target is \$1,668,102. Had only \$5K in FY19
- That amount becomes “excess levy capacity”.
- This does not include the additional \$2M in allowable levy due to debt exclusions (though debt exclusions, we pay for within the levy).
- As mentioned, could be lower depending on local receipts and final state aid figures.

REVENUES

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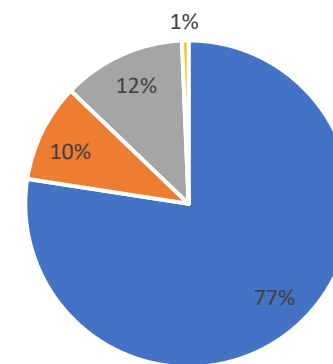
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■ Property Taxes ■ Local Receipts ■ State Aid ■ Transfers

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FY 23 BUDGET REVIEW

EXPENSES

Category	FY22	FY23
Benefits/Insurance	\$ 3,722,000.00	\$ 3,810,031.00
Retirement	\$ 1,705,397.00	\$ 1,899,267.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,997,926.00	\$ 1,963,900.00
General Government	\$ 2,959,211.00	\$ 3,134,906.00
Public Safety	\$ 4,296,310.00	\$ 4,287,109.00
DPW	\$ 1,638,916.00	\$ 1,662,603.00
Education	\$ 10,639,212.00	\$ 10,853,635.00
Trash:	\$ 568,000.00	\$ 571,000.00
Total:	\$ 27,526,972.00	\$ 28,182,451.00

Overall: 2.34% increase

Salary Reserve increase due to 3 contracts out (general government).

Fixed cost, Insurance & Retirement, increases higher than last year.

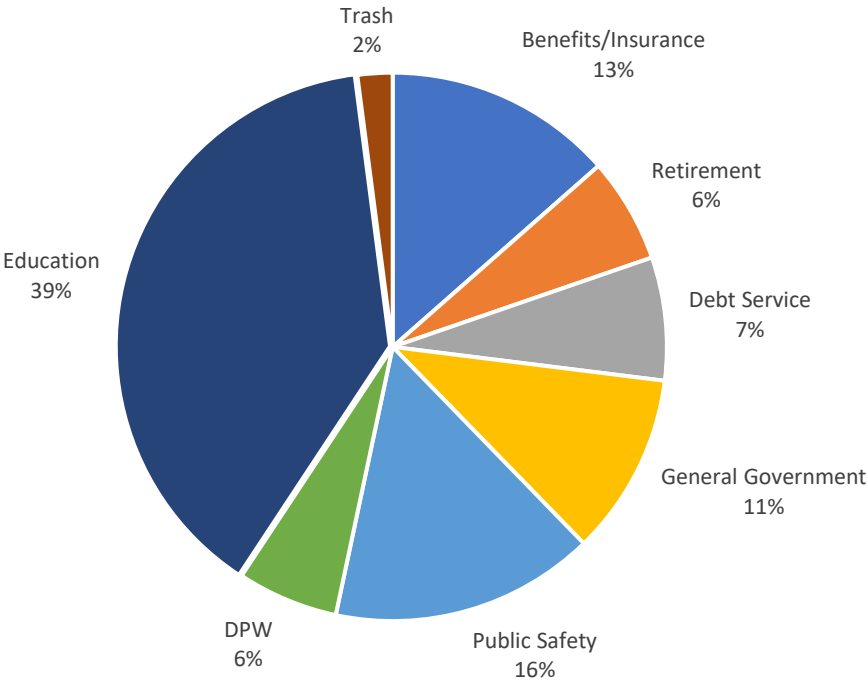
APS increase, 4.47%, in line with the large increase in Ch. 70 funding

Overall education cost is a slight increase.

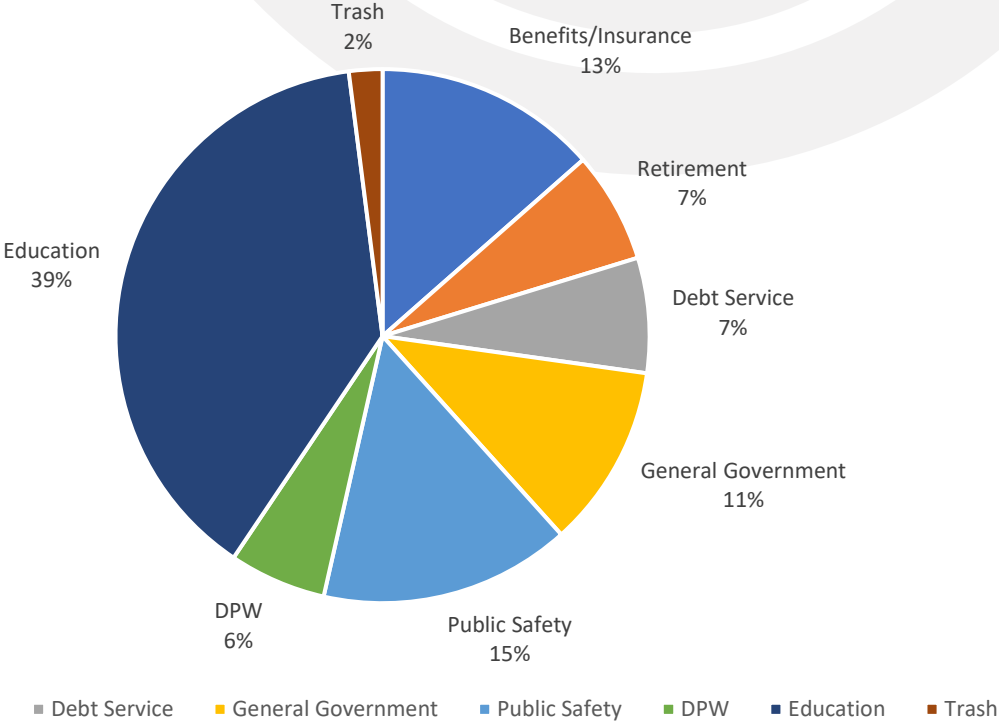
Debt payment savings due to aging debt and refinancing last year.

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT

FY22 Expenditures



FY23 Expenditures



■ Benefits/Insurance ■ Retirement ■ Debt Service ■ General Government ■ Public Safety ■ DPW ■ Education ■ Trash



FY 23 Budget Review

Historic Budget Increases:

FY23: 2.38%

FY22: 2.86%*

FY21: 2%*

FY20: 4%

Fy19: 6%

Fy18: 5%

Fy17: 6%

*full COVID year budgets

For FY23:

- Maintain reduction in expense lines for most departments.
- Budget maintains staffing levels while funding a previously cut position from the Avon Public Library.
- Fixed cost are increasing and will need to continue to monitor for rise in cost. For example, health insurance claims.
- Continue to review ways for efficiency to between departments.
- Budget uses over **\$350K LESS** from “raise and appropriate” due to ongoing budget discussions with departments, May be more when looking at setting the tax rate.

FY23 ATM WARRANT INFORMATION



HOUSE KEEPING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1



To hear the reading of the reports and minutes of the previous session(s) and to hear and act on the annual reports of the Town Officers and Town Departments for the year ending December 31, 2021 and to hear the reports of any committees, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year 2023, and raise and appropriate the necessary funds to defray such costs, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN



ARTICLE 2

BUDGET ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3



To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2023, including salaries of the several elected officers of the Town, and make appropriations for the same, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and to enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or County of Norfolk for the construction, reconstruction.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chapter 90 Funding



ARTICLE 4

ARTICLE 5:



To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Septic Loan Receipts Account a sum of money for repayment of the CLEAN Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan voted and approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2015, Article 37, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF HEALTH

NOTE: The bond sale is in April and the figure will be known at that time. Article will be amended with figure.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$212,500) to previous town meeting articles to fund necessary water operations of the town as listed below, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



Program	Amount	Previous Article	Source
Cross Connection	\$14,000	ATM 5-2018 #16	Free Cash
GIS	\$8,500	ATM 5-2018 #20	Free Cash
Storm Water Management/EPA	\$40,000	ATM 5-2018 #17	Free Cash
Interconnect/water upgrades	\$150,000	ATM 5-2018 #18	Free Cash

NOTE: These are typical, annual articles that support water operations for the town. These range from supporting the town's GIS program to working on meeting EPA Phase II stormwater regulations. The Interconnect Program is for protecting, maintaining, and maximizing the sustainability of the Town's water supply and treatment, evaluating and upgrading interconnects with area towns and supply capacities, projects related to water storage and distribution.

FINANCE/HOUSE KEEPING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 7



To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) of the original authorization (Article #8 approved at the ATM of June 9, 2015) to borrow Eleven Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,300,000) for the Police/Fire Renovation Project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: TREASURER-COLLECTOR

NOTE: These two articles are to rescind the balances of available borrowing for projects that have been completed and/or come in under budget. 2.20.21 STM approved transfer of funds from stabilization to pay for remaining budget.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining amount of Three Million Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$3,730,000) of the original authorization (Article # 21, approved at the ATM of 5/16/17) to borrow Eight Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,100,000) for the renovation of street and drainage of the Brentwood area of Avon, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: TREASURER-COLLECTOR



ARTICLE 8

FINANCE/HOUSE KEEPING ARTICLES CONT'

ARTICLE 9



To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Reserved Fund (May 6, 2014 ATM, Article 5) for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: TREASURER-COLLECTOR/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTE: The FY22 budget removed the annual contribution of \$55,000. The Town set up a reserve account in 2014 for future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due. This covers any contractually obligated vacation or sick payments due. Similar to OPEB, The Town will look to build account to cover a majority of potential future liabilities.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$245.00) to pay prior year bills, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Convenient MD: \$245.00

Proposed by: TOWN ACCOUNTANT



ARTICLE 10

ZONING/BYLAW ARTICLES

ARTICLE 11



To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the following street: **KATHERINE’S WAY** in accordance with all Town By-Laws and state statutes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: PLANNING BOARD

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 140 § 139-C, allowing the town to waive the fee for service animals or for a dog owned by a person aged 70 years or over, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: BOARD OF
SELECTMEN/TOWN CLERK**



ARTICLE 12

ARTICLE 13:

see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon by striking the following text in Chapter , or take any other action in relation thereto.

Section 4c:

appropriation limit. No contract for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials, or to do any public work, or erect, construct, alter, remodel, demolish or repair any building shall be awarded in excess of the appropriation therefor or in excess of the current funds thereof, in accordance with MGL c. 44, § 31, except as provided by state law. Where the contract equals or exceeds \$4,000, the Town Accountant must certify that funds are available in the appropriate account which match the value of the contract prior to award, and in accordance with MGL c. 41, § 31C.

and replace it with:

appropriation limit. No contract for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials, or to do any public work, or erect, construct, alter, remodel, demolish or repair any building shall be awarded in excess of the appropriation therefor or in excess of the current funds thereof, in accordance with MGL c. 44, § 31, except as provided by state law. Where the contract equals or exceeds \$10,000, the Town Accountant must certify that funds are available in the appropriate account which match the value of the contract prior to award, and in accordance with MGL c. 44, § 31C.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTE: This request mirrors best procurement practices for municipal procurement. It also follows MGL and the town's new procurement policy. Was approved at ATM 2022 Article 19, the Attorney General's office picked up on a typographical error reflecting MGL c. 44, § 31C.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon by adding a new section as set forth below to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Note: Article 14, 15 and 16 are related to revolving funds and how they are used. This law spells out what each can be used for and spending limits. Each year, there will be one article with approving spending limits.



ARTICLE 15:

To see if the town will vote to set the following annual spending limits for the revolving accounts authorized by Article 14:

Revolving Account:	Spending Limit:
COA Van	\$7,500
COA Lunch	\$15,000
Park and Recreation	\$35,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Note: Article 14, 15 and 16 are related to revolving funds and how they are used. This particular law spells out what each can be used for and spending limits. Each year, there will be one article with approving spending limits.



ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2018 that accepted the provisions of MGL C44 §53D to establish, authorize the use of a revolving fund for the Park and Recreation Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN/PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant one (1) additional all alcohol Package Store License, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Notwithstanding Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Avon may, upon receipt of a completed application, payment of any applicable fees, after a public hearing and all due process, and in its sole discretion grant one (1) additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises, under Section 12 of said Chapter 138 to Wine.com, 33 Wales Avenue, Avon, MA: said license to be subject to said Chapter 138, except Section 17. 7

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTE: This license is specific to this business at this location only. The current business has beer and wine off premise license. Looking to add spirits. A majority of this company's business is online retail.



ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Office Feasibility Committee of seven (7) members appointed by the Town Moderator to review the possible renovations or new construction of the existing Town Hall. Further said committee shall have funding from Article #14 of the May 4th, 2021 Annual Town Meeting to further develop designs, plans and related document for said buildings or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTE: The charge of this committee is to report back to the BOS on the feasibility/recommendation on options within six (6) months and not more than one (1) year of appointment of committee members. The remaining balance is approximately \$58,000.



ARTICLE 19:

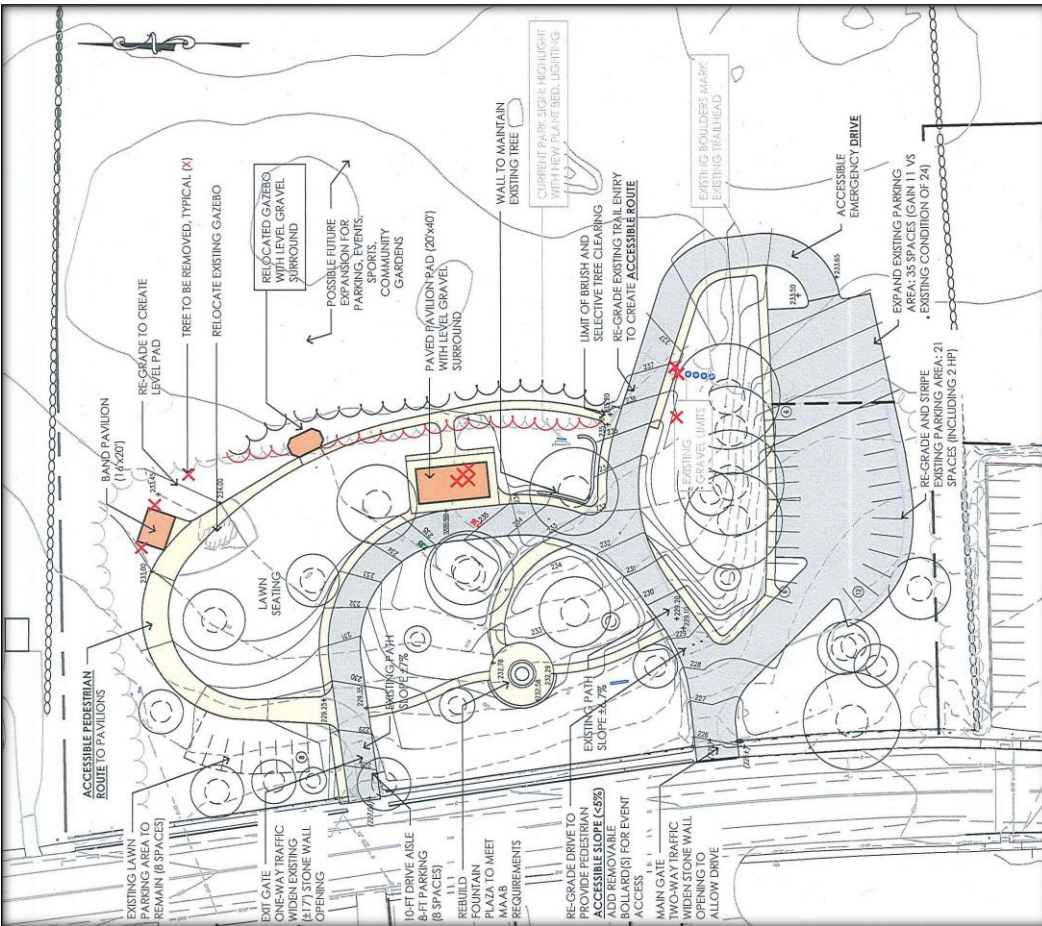


To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Five Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000) for the renovation, repairs and installation of improvements to DeMarco Park, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN/DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

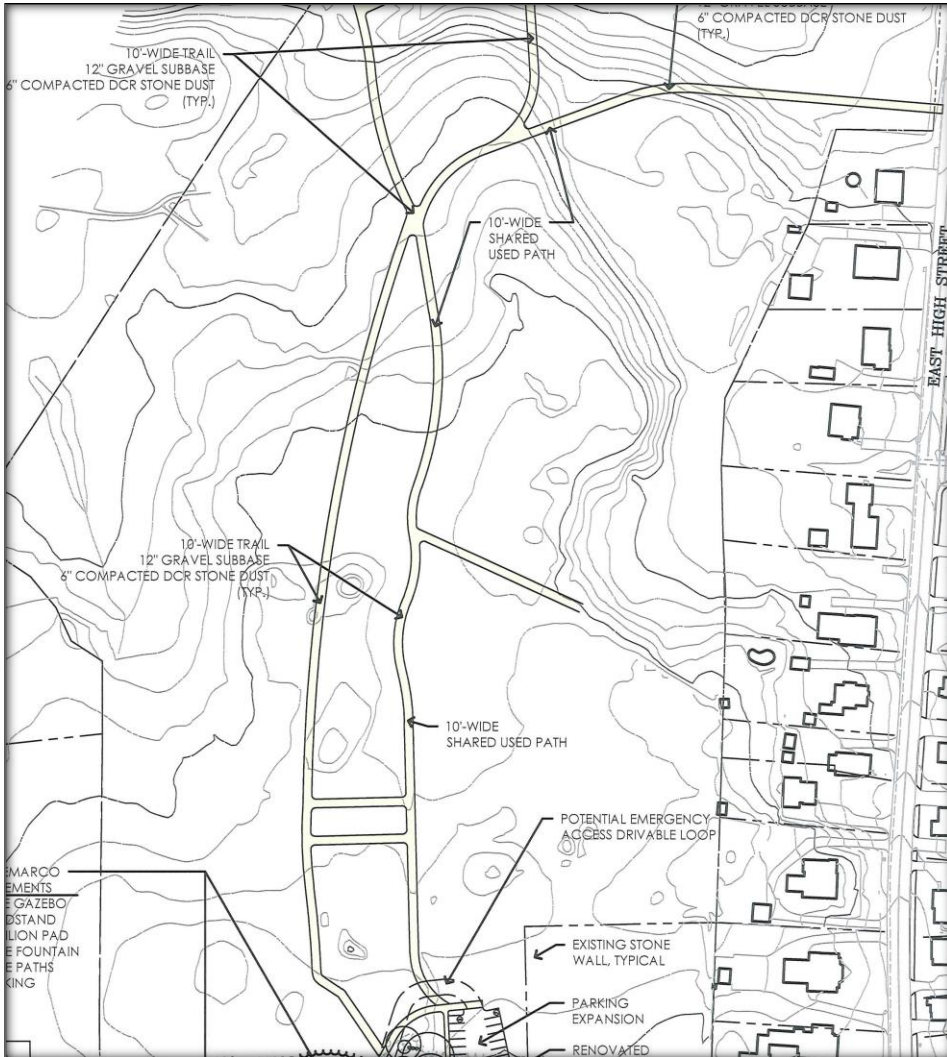
NOTE: The funding is for the town's match of 50% of various grants applied for earlier this year. If unsuccessful, funding will be used to make repairs per the design plans approved by the BOS related to parking, paths and infrastructure improvements to the front area of the park to improve accessibility and greater use to all.

ARTICLE 19: PHASE I



- Regrading and expansion of the parking area
- Creation of a driveable path up to the pavilions from the parking area for event service and emergency access
- Tree removals, regrading, and resurfacing to provide fully accessible walkways throughout the park as well as a loop for emergency access and/or event parking
- Widening of existing entry points to allow two-way access at the main gate and a one way exit at the opposite end of the park for events
- Removal and reinstallation of the "donor ring" at the fountain, including a retaining wall on the low side to bring the plaza into MAAB compliance
- Relocation of the existing gazebo, benches, and picnic tables to facilitate accessibility
- Installation of a new band pavilion to better serve the Town's summer concert series

ARTICLE 19: PHASE II



- Regrading and expansion of the trail system in the back and connecting to the current bike system on E. High Street.
- 10'FT wide trail system looping around.
- Reconstructed Trails: 3,064 LF
- New Trails: 970 LF

CAPITAL ITEMS



CAPITAL PLAN

Worked with Collin Center for 5 Year Plan

Final plan approved by BOS

Due to COVID and budget concerns, 1st year of plan was delayed.

These capital items are funded with available free cash and will result in NO ADDITIONAL TAXATION.



COMBINED ARTICLES

Due to warrant size, some capital items were combined in categories such as DPW vehicle replacements.

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the improvements to the Avon compost site, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: BOARD OF HEALTH/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

NOTE: The funding will go toward new fencing, signage, land improvements, security camera and new shed and electrical upgrades.



CAPITAL CONTINUED

ARTICLE 21



To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase and installation of drainage repairs including new metal door, retaining wall and catch basin improvements at the Avon Public Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

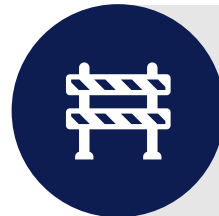
Proposed by: AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY/DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTE: Wall, pipping of gutters to catch basin and grading. The area behind the library has historically been wet and prone to flooding. These repairs are aimed to improving this to allow a better outdoor space for programs as well as protect the building from water damage.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for the repair and renovation of the masonry steps and ADA ramp at the Avon Middle/High School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTE: This project was slated for FY22 of the approved capital plan. However, due to COVID, it was delayed a year with all the unknowns.



ARTICLE 22



ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) for the purchase of various DPW vehicles and equipment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Item	Amount	Source
Sidewalk Plow	\$65,000	Free Cash
Dump Truck	\$120,000	Free Cash

NOTE: The dump truck will replace the 2004 dump truck. Vehicle is in need of replacement parts such as fuel injectors that will be costly. Front line piece of equipment needed for DPW operations.

The purchase of a sidewalk track snowblower will replace the 2008 Holder. This piece of equipment no longer has parts readily available making repairs difficult or impossible.

ARTICLE 24:



To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to fund a three-year valve and fire hydrant replacement capital project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTE: The approved capital plan called for \$20,000 for three years of work. This article is to put the funding for all three years in one article to allow for larger amounts of work to happen during the course of the project due to available funds.

ARTICLE 25:



To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Revolving Fund the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) as the 2nd of 5 payments of the purchase and equip of a new Rescue Pumper truck for the Avon Fire Department approved at the May 4th, 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Article 29), or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by: FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOTE: This is the second of five payments of approximately \$120,000 which will be funded through the Ambulance Revolving Fund.

FINANCIAL HOUSE KEEPING ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 26: Collective Bargaining Agreement: IAAF

ARTICLE 27: Capital Stabilization Account

ARTICLE 28: OPEB Trust

ARTICLE 29: Stabilization Account

Article place holders for distribution of remaining free cash.





THANK YOU
