TOWN OF AVON

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

The Moderator, Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the required quorum of fifty (50) being present. Moderator Staffier called for Avon Police Officer and US Army Sgt. Joubert Barbosa to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Congressman Steven Lynch addressed the audience and updated the residents on local aid. The Moderator recognized International Firefighters Day and thanked both the fire department and the police department for their service to our community. Board of Selectmen, Chair Steven Rose explained the budget process.

Moderator Staffier called for Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to waive the reading of the reports and minutes of the previous session(s) and to waive the reading on the annual reports of the Town Officers and Town Departments for the year ending December 31, 2020 and to waive the reading of the reports of any committee.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to address Article 2 with Article 3 to fix the salaries of the elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year 2022, and raise and appropriate the necessary funds to defray such costs.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY 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 2022, including salaries of the several elected officers of the Town, and make appropriations for the same.

| <u>Dept</u> | <u>LINE</u> | <u>Description</u> | 2021 Approved | FY22 Department Request | FY 22 Budget |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>114</u> | MODERATOR | | | | |
| | | Salary | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | Expenses | 225 | 225 | 225 |
| | Total Moderator | | 1,225 | 1,225 | 1,225 |
| <u>122</u> | <u>SELECTMEN</u> | | | | |
| | | Salary | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| | | Salary Union | - | - | - |

| | | Salary Non Union | 61,921 | 62,464 | 62,464 |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | | Expenses | 14,922 | 19,022 | 19,022 |
| | | Salary Reserve | 150,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| | | Newsletter | 8,100 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| | Total Selectmen | Celebrations | 6,750 | 6,750 | 6,750 |
| | | | 256,693 | 205,236 | 205,236 |
| <u>25</u> | HUMAN RESOURCES | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 9,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| | Total Human Resources | | 9,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| <u>29</u> | TOWN ADMINISTRATOR | | | | |
| | | Salary | 147,900 | 156,794 | 156,794* |
| | | Expenses | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| | Total Town Administrator | | 152,400 | 161,294 | 161,294 |
| <u>31</u> | FINANCE COMMITTEE | | | | |
| _ | | Salary, Clerical | - | - | - |
| | | Expenses | 5,050 | 5,050 | 5,050 |
| | Total Finance Committee | | 5,050 | 5,050 | 5,050 |
| <u>32</u> | FINCOM RESERVE | | | | |
| | | Reserve Fund | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| | Total Reserve Fund | | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| <u>35</u> | TOWN ACCOUNTANT | | | | |
| | | Salary | 93,000 | 97,734 | 97,734 |
| | | Expenses | 38,115 | 38,115 | 38,115 |
| | Total Town Accountant | | 131,115 | 135,849 | 135,849 |
| <u>11</u> | <u>ASSESSORS</u> | | | | |
| | | Salaries | 115,900 | 120,373 | 120,373 |
| | | Expenses | 23,220 | 23,220 | 23,220 |
| | Total Assessors | | 139,120 | 143,593 | 143,593 |
| | | | | | |

| <u>145</u> | TREASURER/COLLECTOR | Salary | 209,570.03 | 212,131.00 | 212,131.00 |
|------------|---|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | Expenses | 21,780 | 20,780 | 20,780 |
| | | | 231,350 | 232,911 | 232,911 |
| <u>149</u> | <u>TECHNOLOGY</u> | | | | |
| <u>140</u> | <u>TESTINOESST</u> | Colomi | 76,500 | 78,000 | 78,000 |
| | | Salary | | 260,000 | 260,000 |
| | | Expenses | 260,000 | | |
| | Total Technology | | 336,500 | 338,000 | 338,000 |
| <u>151</u> | LEGAL | | | | |
| | | Retainer, Town Counsel | 11,250 | 11,250 | 11,250 |
| | | Purchase Services | 92,000 | 92000 | 92000 |
| | | Assessors Legal Expense | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| | Total Legal | | 133,250 | 133,250 | 133,250 |
| 152 | PERSONNEL BOARD | | | | |
| 102 | PERSONNEE BOARD | Salary | - | - | - |
| | | Expenses | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | Total Personnel Board | | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 455 | DAVBOLL DATA BROC | | | | |
| <u>155</u> | PAYROLL DATA PROC. | _ | 22.000 | 20.000 | 20,000 |
| | | Expenses | 22,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| | Total Reserve Fund | | 22,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| <u>161</u> | TOWN CLERK | | | | |
| | | Salary | 138,420 | 125,764 | 125,764 |
| | | Expenses | 8,109 | 8,109 | 8,109 |
| | Total Town Clerk | | 146,529 | 133,873 | 133,873 |
| <u>162</u> | ELECTIONS/REGISTRARS | | | | |
| 102 | <u>EEEO HONO, REGIO HARRO</u> | Salary | 4,500 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| | | - | 8,925 | 6,800 | 6,800 |
| | T 4 1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Expenses | | | |
| | Total Elections/Registrars | | 13,425 | 10,300 | 10,300 |
| <u>163</u> | CENSUS | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 |

| | Total Census | | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>171</u> | CONSERVATION COMMISS | <u>ION</u> | | | |
| | | Salary | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| | | Expenses | 5,850 | 4,850 | 4,850 |
| | Total Conservation Comm. | | 6,350 | 5,350 | 5,350 |
| <u>175</u> | PLANNING BOARD | | | | |
| | | Salaries | 7,500 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| | | Expenses | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| | Total Planning Board | | 9,300 | 9,300 | 9,300 |
| <u>176</u> | BOARD OF APPEALS | | | | |
| | | Salary | - | - | - |
| | | Expenses | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| | Total Board of Appeals | | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| <u>184</u> | CABLE TV ADV. BOARD | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | Total Cable TV Adv. Board | | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| <u>192</u> | TOWN HALL & BUILDING M | AINT. | | | |
| | | Salary (clock) | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | Expenses | 99,882 | 89,882 | 89,882 |
| | Total TH and Bldg. Maint. | | 100,882 | 90,882 | 90,882 |
| <u>195</u> | TOWN REPORTS | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| | Total Town Reports | | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| <u>210</u> | POLICE DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| | | Salary | 1,896,589 | 2,048,046 | 2,048,046 |
| | | Expenses | 205,773 | 205,773 | 205,773 |
| | | Police Cruiser | 45,000 | 49,000 | 49,000 |
| | | CMVI transfer | (45,000) | (49,000) | (49,000) |
| | Total Police Department | | 2,102,362 | 2,253,819 | 2,253,819 |

| <u>215</u> | FIRE & POLICE DISPATCH | | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Salary | 357,000 | 366,517 | 366,517 |
| | Total Fire & Police Dispatch | ı | 357,000 | 366,517 | 366,517 |
| <u>220</u> | FIRE DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| | | Salary | 1,573,720 | 1,574,399 | 1,574,399 |
| | | Ambulance transfer | (75,000) | (75,000) | (75,000) |
| | | Expenses | 226,575 | 226,575 | 226,575 |
| | | Ambulance transfer | (50,000) | (50,000) | (50,000) |
| | Total Fire Department | | 1,675,295 | 1,675,974 | 1,675,974 |
| <u>241</u> | BUILDING INSPECTOR | | | | |
| | | Salary | 103,133 | 103,282 | 103,282 |
| | | Alt. Inspector | 3,100 | 3,162 | 3,162 |
| | | Expenses | 12,217 | 12,217 | 12,217 |
| | Total Building Inspector | | 118,450 | 118,661 | 118,661 |
| 242 | GAS INSPECTOR | | | | |
| | | Salary | 9,435 | 9,624 | 9,624 |
| | | Alt. Inspector | 1,020 | 1,040 | 1,040 |
| | | Expenses | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| | Total Gas Inspector | | 11,055 | 11,264 | 11,264 |
| <u>243</u> | PLUMBING INSPECTOR | | | | |
| | | Salary | 9,435 | 9,624 | 9,624 |
| | | Alt. Inspector | 1,020 | 1,040 | 1,040 |
| | | Expenses | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| | Total Plumbing Inspector | | 11,055 | 11,264 | 11,264 |
| <u>245</u> | WIRING INSPECTOR | | | | |
| | | Salary | 18,870 | 19,248 | 19,248 |
| | | Alt. Inspector | 1,122 | 1,145 | 1,145 |
| | | Expenses | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| | Total Wiring Inspector | | 21,192 | 21,593 | 21,593 |

| <u>292</u> | ANIMAL CONTROL | | | | |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | | Expenses | 15,700 | 15,700 | 15,700 |
| | Total Animal Control | | 15,700 | 15,700 | 15,700 |
| <u>294</u> | TREE WARDEN | | | | |
| | | Salary | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | Expenses | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| | Total Tree Warden | | 19,000 | 19,000 | 19,000 |
| 299 | LOCAL EMERGENCY MAN | AGEMENT | | | |
| | | Expenses | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | Total Local Emerg. Mgt. | | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| <u>300</u> | AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS | | | | |
| | | Operating Expense | 9,977,207 | 10,478,327 | 10,478,327 |
| | | School Choice offset | (959,502) | (960,622) | (960,622) |
| | Total Public School | | 9,017,705 | 9,517,705 | 9,517,705 |
| <u>390</u> | BLUE HILLS REG. SCHOOLS | | | | |
| | | Operating Expense | 1,149,524 | 1,095,049 | 1,095,049 |
| | | Schools to Careers | 14,456 | 14,456 | 14,456 |
| | Total Blue Hills | | 1,163,980 | 1,109,505 | 1,109,505 |
| <u>391</u> | NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL | | | | |
| | | Operating Expense | 16,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| | Total Norfolk Aggie | | 16,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| <u>423</u> | SNOW & ICE | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| | Total Snow & Ice | | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| <u>424</u> | STREET LIGHTING | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 108,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| | Total Street Lighting | | 108,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| 422 | WASTE DISDOSAL | | | | |

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WASTE DISPOSAL

| | | Rubbish Collection | 462,500 | 537,000 | 537,000 * |
|------------|--------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Recycling Expenses | 31,000 | 31,000 | 31,000 |
| | Total Waste Disposal | | 493,500 | 568,000 | 568,000 |
| | | | | | |
| <u>440</u> | <u>DPW</u> | | | | |
| | | Salary | 847,373 | 841,089 | 841,089 |
| | | Expenses | 597,826 | 597,826 | 597,826 |
| | Total Highway Department | | 1,445,199 | 1,438,915 | 1,438,915 |
| <u>510</u> | BOARD OF HEALTH | | | | |
| | | Salary/Service | 132,738 | 141,014 | 141,014 * |
| | | Animal Inspector | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | Expenses | 16,200 | 16,200 | 16,200 |
| | | Compost Attendant | 10,100 | 10,100 | 10,100 |
| | Total Board of Health | | 160,038 | 168,314 | 168,314 |
| <u>529</u> | HEALTH SERVICES | | | | |
| | | Visiting Nurses | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | Total Health Services | | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| <u>541</u> | COUNCIL ON AGING | | | | |
| | | Salary | 208,340 | 214,040 | 214,040 |
| | | Expenses | 12,870 | 12,870 | 12,870 |
| | Total Council on Aging | | 221,210 | 226,910 | 226,910 |
| <u>543</u> | VETERANS SERVICES | | | | |
| | | Salary | 17,030 | 14,030 | 14,030 |
| | | Expenses | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | Veterans Benefits | 37,600 | 37,600 | 37,600 |
| | | Veterans Quarters Veterans Memorial Comm. | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| | Total Veterans Services | | 56,330 | 53,330 | 53,330 |
| | | | | | |

| | | Salary | 270,783 | 282,780 | 282,780 |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Expenses | 145,784 | 145,784 | 145,784 |
| | Total Library | | 416,567 | 428,564 | 428,564 |
| <u>650</u> | PARK & RECREATION | | | | |
| | | Salary | 62,000 | 62,000 | 62,000 |
| | | Expenses | 35,000 | 31,630 | 31,630 |
| | Total Park & Rec. | | 97,000 | 93,630 | 93,630 |
| <u>695</u> | CULTURAL COUNCIL | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | Total Cultural | | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| <u>699</u> | MEMORIAL DAY | | | | |
| | | Expenses | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 * |
| | Total Memorial Day | | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| | DEBT PAYMENT | | | | |
| <u>710</u> | | Debt outside cap | 2,033,718 | 1,979,926 | 1,979,926 |
| <u>752</u> | | Short Term Borrowing | 5,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| <u>760</u> | | Cost of Bond Issuance | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| | | Police/Fire ST Interest | - | <u>-</u> | |
| | Total Debt Payment | | 2,053,718 | 1,997,926 | 1,997,926 |
| | PENSIONS | | | | |
| <u>911</u> | | Norfolk County Retirement | 1,446,399 | 1,560,397 | 1,560,397 |
| <u>911</u> | | Retirement Sick/Vac | 55,000 | | |
| | | OPEB | 145,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 |
| | Total Pensions | | 1,646,399 | 1,705,397 | 1,705,397 |
| | INSURANCE | | | | |
| <u>912</u> | | Workmens Comp | 137,000 | 137,000 | 137,000 |
| <u>913</u> | | Unemployment | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| <u>914</u> | | Medical & Life | 2,854,200 | 2,985,000 | 2,985,000 |

| | Total Budget | | 26,762,014 | 27,526,971 | 27,526,971 |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total Capital Planning | | 46,170 | 46,170 | 46,170 |
| | | Capital Reserve | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| | | Expenses | 1,170 | 1,170 | 1,170 |
| 930 | CAPITAL PLANNING | | | | |
| | Total Insurance | | 3,584,200 | 3,722,000 | 3,722,000 |
| <u>945</u> | | Liability | 258,000 | 258,000 | 258,000 |
| <u>910</u> | | Medicaid | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| <u>916</u> | | Medicare | 245,000 | 252,000 | 252,000 |

*Line Items with passes called against them.

A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to approve all passed line items. (129,433, 510 and 699)

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$110,383.50) to pay the last two payments of the Water Trust.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY 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 and/or improvement of town roads.

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY 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.

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash a sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$227,500) to previous town meeting articles to fund necessary water operations of the town as listed below.

| 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 | \$80,000 | ATM 5-2018 #17 | Free Cash |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Interconnect/ | \$125,000 | ATM 5-2018 #18 | Free Cash |

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for planning and engineering related to the provision of sewer to areas of town.

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$27,313.33) to the Septic Loan Receipts.

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,781.50) to various Guarantee Deposit Accounts.

Board of Appeals: \$3,799.86

Selectmen: \$2,218.39

Building Inspector: \$2,763.25

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY 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.

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from CMVI funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purpose of funding the cost of replacing (12) twelve ballistic patrol vests that have reached replacement age.

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to the CMVI fund.

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of February 6, 2006.

ARTICLE 15: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 4/5TH VOTE (COUNTED YES 44/NO 9) to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Eight Dollars and Nine Cents (\$2,508.09) to pay prior year bills.

| Vendor: | Amount: |
|---------|------------|
| Itron | \$2,508.09 |

ZONING/BYLAW ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 16: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to accept as a public way the following street: FAGAN DRIVE in accordance with all Town By-Laws and state statues.

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY in pursuant to MGL c. 41, §1B have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto, subject to the approval of an official ballot question on the election warrant at the annual town election, to read as follows:

| SHALL THE | TOWN VOTE | E TO HAVE | ITS ELECTED | TREE ' | WARDEN | BECON | ИE |
|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------|-------|----|
| AN APPOINT | TED TREE W | ARDEN OF | THE TOWN? | | | | |
| YES | NO | | | | | | |

NOTE: This would appear on the ballot in April 2022.

ARTICLE 18: A motion was made and seconded and DEFEATED BY A 2/3rd VOTE (COUNTED YES 36/NO 19) to amend the Town of Avon Zoning By-Laws with text pertaining to automotive service and open-air drive-in retail service as posted with the Town Clerk and subject to a Public Hearing.

Current: § 255-5.3 **Table of Use Regulations.**

| | Table of Use Regulations - Principal Uses | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-----|-----|----------------|-----------|-----|-----|
| | Avon Zoning Districts | | | | | | | | | |
| | | RES R-25 | RES R-40 | GEN BUS | IND | СОМ | MU Low D | RES HD | BOD | VOD |
| F. | . Automotive Service and Open-Air Drive-In Retail Service | | | | | | | | | |
| 1b | Self-service gasoline sales outlet. | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N | N |

Change to:

§ 255-5.3 Table of Use Regulations.

| Table of Use Regulations - Principal Uses | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Avon Zoning Districts | | | | |

| | | RES R-25 | RES R-40 | GEN BUS | IND | СОМ | MU Low D | RES HD | BOD | VOD |
|----|---|-------------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----|-----|
| F. | Automotive Service | and O | pen-Aiı | Drive- | In Reta | il Servic | e | | | |
| 1b | Self-service gasoline sales outlet. | N | N | SP | N | N | N | N | N | N |

A motion was made and seconded and **DEFEATED BY A 2/3rd VOTE** to reconsider Article 18 (8:34 p.m.)

A motion was made and seconded and **DEFEATED BY A 2/3rd VOTE** to reconsider Article 18 (9:34 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Avon by striking the following text in Chapter 30.

Chapter 30 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. 41, § 31C.

Chapter 30 Section 6A:

Sale of Town's personal property. No personal property of the Town shall be sold by any officer or board, except that if its book value, resale or trade-in value is \$200 or less, it may then be sold by authorization of the Selectmen. Such authorization shall in each case (a) be in writing, (b) certify that the proposed selling price is in accordance with the above, (c) be filed with the Town Treasurer-Collector and Town property officer, if any. All other personal property of the Town shall not be sold except by vote of the Town. Revenues from such transactions shall be applied to the general fund.

And replace it with:

Sale of Town's personal property. Any officer or board in charge of a department may, with the approval of the Selectmen and through the Chief Procurement Officer, sell or otherwise dispose of any personal property or material in the custody of and belonging to such department not required for its use. The disposal of these goods must conform to the provisions of Chapter 30B, §15, as may from time to time be amended.

LOCAL ACCEPTANCE ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 20: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 138 § 33B permitting the Board of Selectmen, as the local license authority, the ability to grant to MGL Chapter 138 § 12 Liquor License holders the ability to sell alcoholic beverages at 10 AM on Sundays after developing procedures for the application from these license holders to the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to accept as a public way the altered layout of Pond Street, between Harrison Avenue and Bodwell Street, by the Board of Selectmen to include within the layout alteration thereto certain fee interests and easements as shown on a plan entitled "Street Alteration Plan", dated 12/22/2020, prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc. as said plan may be amended, said plan on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to accept the provisions of M.G.L., c. 40, §13E to establish and appropriate or transfer money to a reserve fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal years, to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out-of-district tuition and/or transportation. The balance in such reserve fund shall not exceed 2 per cent of the annual net school spending of the school district.

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to the SPED reserve fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal years, to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs for special education, out-of-district tuition or transportation.

CAPITAL ITEMS:

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the repair and replacement of life safety system equipment at the Avon Public Library.

<u>ARTICLE 25:</u> A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the purchase and installation of HVAC Rooftop Unit at AMHS.

ARTICLE 26: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty

Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase and installation of solar pedestrian crossing warning signals.

<u>ARTICLE 27:</u> A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$435,000) for the purchase of a Hooklift Multi-Purpose Vehicle and Mini Excavator.

| Item | Amount | Source |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hooklift Vehicle | \$325,000 | Free Cash |
| Mini Excavator | \$110,000 | Free Cash |

WATER OPERATIONS CAPITAL ITEMS:

ARTICLE 28: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) to fund capital items for the operations of the water system.

| Item | Amount | Source |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Design/Engineer for Well Replacement | \$75,000 | Free Cash |
| Porter Well Generator | \$75,000 | Free Cash |
| Well Maintenance | \$125,000 | Free Cash |

FIRE VEHICLE CAPITAL ITEMS:

ARTICLE 29: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from the Ambulance Revolving Fund the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to purchase and equip a new Rescue Pumper truck for the Avon Fire Department which includes the first year lease payment of a five year lease and equipment purchases.

| Year | Lease | Equipment: | Totals: | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Year One | \$120,000 | \$80,000 | \$200,000 | |
| Year Two – Five | \$120,000 | | \$480,000 | |
| Total: | \$600,000 | \$80,000 | \$680,000 | |

ARTICLE 30: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from the Ambulance Revolving Fund the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new replacement shift command truck for the fire department.

ARTICLE 31: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$122,451.35) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund, and transfer the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$5,243.87) from Article 17 of the 2013 ATM [631], Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars and Ninety Six Cents (\$5,430.96) from Article 9 of the 2017 ATM [601], Eight

Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine Dollars (\$8,549.00) from Article 9 of the 2018 ATM [690], Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$8,324.82) from Article 10 of the 2018 ATM [691], for a total of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be used to fund the rehabilitation and life extension of the Fire Department ladder truck.

2013 – 17 [631] Down payment for fire pumper 2017 – 9: [601] Ambulance purchase 2018 – 9: [690] Patient loading equipment 2018 – 10: [691] Support Truck purchase

HOUSE KEEPING ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 32: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eight Hundred and Six Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Twenty-Nine Cents (\$806,687.29) to be placed in the Capital Stabilization Account.

ARTICLE 33: A motion was made and seconded and VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Four Hundred and Three Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$403,343.64) to be placed in the OPEB Trust.

<u>ARTICLE 34:</u> A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$134,447.88) to be placed in the Stabilization Account.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia C. Bessette Town Clerk