



# TOWN OF AVON

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

7:30 P.M. Avon High/Middle School

Moderator Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and recessed until the completion of the Special Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. Mr. Staffier lead the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

The Moderator called for Article 1:

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to waive 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 several Town Departments for the year ending December 31, 2006. The New Building Committee presented their report and indicated copies were available for viewing.

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to consider Articles 2 & 3 together.

**ARTICLE 2& 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 2008, including salaries of the several elected officers of the Town and make appropriations for the same.

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2007 Budget FY 07</u>	<u>FY 2008 Requested FY 08</u>	<u>FY 2008 Budget FY 08</u>	
<b>MODERATOR</b>					
114	Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
	Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00	
<b>SELECTMEN</b>					
122	Salary, Elected Officials	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	**
	Salary Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	**
	Technology	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	**
	Holbrook Taxes	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	
	Expenses	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 11,176.00	\$ 11,007.00	**
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>					
113	Salary	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 76,850.00	\$ 76,850.00	
	Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,672.00	**
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>					
131	Salary, Clerical	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
	Expenses	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	**

<b>RESERVE FUND</b>					
132	Reserve Fund	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>					
135	Salary	\$ 46,300.00	\$ 47,595.00	\$ 47,595.00	
	Expenses	\$ 33,459.00	\$ 43,852.00	\$ 40,460.00	**
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139	<b>TECHNOLOGY SERVICE</b>				
	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 49,024.00	\$ 49,024.00	**
<b>ASSESSORS</b>					
141	Salaries, 3 members	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,700.00	
	Expenses	\$ 28,670.00	\$ 31,170.00	\$ 15,670.00	**
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>					
145	Salary	\$ 26,311.00	\$ 27,085.00	\$ 27,085.00	
	Expenses	\$ 11,510.00	\$ 12,760.00	\$ 6,472.00	**
	Tax Title	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	**
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
146	Salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
	Expenses	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 16,225.00	**
<b>LEGAL</b>					
151	Retainer, Town Couns.	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,250.00	
	Expenses	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	**
	Assessors Legal	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	**
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>					
152	Salary, Clerical	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
	Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
<b>PAYROLL DATA PROCESSING</b>					
155	Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	
<b>CLERICAL POOL</b>					
159	Salaries	\$ 203,090.00	\$ 210,111.00	\$ 205,000.00	
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>					
161	Salary, Town Clerk	\$ 26,311.00	\$ 27,085.00	\$ 27,085.00	
	Expenses	\$ 4,010.00	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 3,681.00	**
<b>ELECTION WORKERS &amp; REGISTRARS</b>					
162	Salary, Registrars	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	Salary, Election Workers	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
	Expenses,	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,397.00	**
	Expenses, Elections				
	and Town Meetings	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ -	**

<b>CENSUS</b>					
163	Expenses	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,882.00	**
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>					
171	Salary, Clerical	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,300.00	**
	Salary, Cons. Officer	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses	\$ 1,182.00	\$ 1,791.00	\$ 1,085.00	**
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
175	Salaries, 5 Members	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	
	Salary, Clerical	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	
	Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,754.00	**
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>					
176	Salary, Clerical	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 2,280.00	
	Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 918.00	**
<b>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMM.</b>					
182	Salary, Clerical	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses				
<b>CABLE TV</b>					
184	Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00	
<b>TOWN HALL &amp; BUILDING MAINT.</b>					
192	Salary, Building Super.	\$ 47,520.00	\$ 47,978.00	\$ 47,978.00	
	Expenses	\$ 47,957.00	\$ 58,925.00	\$ 44,693.00	**
	Care of Town Clock	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>					
195	Expenses	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	
<b>POLICE</b>					
210	Salary	\$ 210,012.00	\$ 219,485.00	\$ 1,333,449.00	**
		\$ 1,071,120.00	\$ 1,050,698.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 25,245.00	\$ 25,266.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 120,840.00	\$ 96,390.00	**
		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 13,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ -	**
<b>FIRE &amp; POLICE DISPATCHERS</b>					
215	Salary	\$ 224,335.00	\$ 227,949.00	\$ 245,949.00	**
		\$ 9,225.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	**

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
220	Salary	\$ 73,736.00	\$ 80,750.00	\$ 795,463.00	**
		\$ 200,823.00	\$ 200,823.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 580,626.00	\$ 507,026.00	\$ -	**
355	Salary, FT Ambulance xfer	\$ -	\$ 73,600.00	\$ 73,600.00	**
	Salary, Clerical	\$ 13,727.00	\$ 13,727.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses	\$ 122,695.00	\$ 111,170.00	\$ 85,709.00	**
	Expenses from Amb Fund xfer		\$ 26,925.00	\$ 39,425.00	**
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>					
241	Salary	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 20,000.00	
	Alt. Inspector	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
	Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,672.00	**
<b>GAS INSPECTOR</b>					
242	Salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
	Alt. Inspector	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	
	Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>					
243	Salary	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
	Alt. Inspector	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	
	Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR</b>					
245	Salary	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
	Alt. Inspector	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 918.00	**
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE</b>					
291	Salary, Clerical				
	Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>					
292	Salary	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	
	Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,754.00	**
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>					
294	Salary	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	
	Expenses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,426.00	**
<b>LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING</b>					
299	Salary, Clerical				
	Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,672.00	**
<b>AVON PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>					
300	Operating Expense	\$ 5,391,779.00	\$ 5,699,125.00	\$ 5,497,429.00	**
<b>BLUE HILLS REGIONAL</b>					
390	Operating Expense	\$ 626,509.00	\$ 649,547.00	\$ 649,547.00	
	School to Career Prog.	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 12,350.00	

<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
421	Salary	\$ 241,830.00	\$ 218,276.00	\$ 218,276.00	**
	Expenses	\$ 80,450.00	\$ 70,796.00	\$ 79,950.00	**
<b>SNOW &amp; ICE</b>					
423	Expenses	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>					
424	Expenses	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 88,700.00	\$ 88,700.00	
<b>WASTE DISPOSAL</b>					
433	Rubbish Collection	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 412,216.00	\$ 412,216.00	
	Recycling Expenses	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	
<b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>					
450	Salary, 3 Water Comm.	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	
	Salary	\$ 64,050.00	\$ 65,639.00	\$ 294,396.00	**
		\$ 189,474.00	\$ 189,983.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 26,294.00	\$ 26,294.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 1,040.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 10,660.00	\$ 9,880.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses	\$ 220,843.00	\$ 277,500.00	\$ 197,414.00	**
<b>SEWER COMMISSION</b>					
449	Expenses	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>					
510	Salary, 3 Members	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	
	Salary, Health Agent	\$ 47,660.00	\$ 50,700.00	\$ 50,700.00	**
	Animal Inspector	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,600.00	
	Expenses	\$ 5,025.00	\$ 6,025.00	\$ 4,613.00	**
	Compost Attendant	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>					
529	Visiting Nurses	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
	B.A.A.R.C.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	Multi-Health	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
	Womanplace Center	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>					
541	Salary	\$ 32,734.00	\$ 33,200.00	\$ 67,737.00	**
		\$ 26,569.00	\$ 26,569.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 16,357.00	\$ 16,357.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,590.00	**
<b>VETERAN SERVICES</b>					
543	Salary, Agent	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
	Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
	Veterans Benefits	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
	Veterans Quarters	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
	Veterans Memorial				

<b>LIBRARY</b>					
610	Salary	\$ 40,600.00	\$ 41,977.00	\$ 209,027.00	**
		\$ 133,620.00	\$ 139,300.00	\$ -	**
		\$ 27,611.00	\$ 27,750.00	\$ -	**
	Expenses	\$ 101,915.00	\$ 101,430.00	\$ 93,558.00	**
	Automation	\$ 20,518.00	\$ 20,797.00	\$ 20,797.00	
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>					
650	Salary, 5 Members	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	
	Salary	\$ 16,660.00	\$ 17,098.00	\$ 17,098.00	**
	Expenses	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 31,409.00	\$ 22,766.00	**
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>					
691	Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>CULTURAL COUNCIL</b>					
695	Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>					
699	Expenses, parade	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
751	Bond Payment	\$ 1,665,408.00	\$ 1,637,261.00	\$ 1,637,261.00	
	Interest	\$ -			
752	Short Term Borrowing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
760	Cost of Bond Issuance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
<b>PENSION &amp; INSURANCE</b>					
911	Norfolk County Retire.	\$ 595,037.00	\$ 608,488.00	\$ 608,488.00	
911	Non-Contribu. Retire.	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 2,581.00	\$ 2,581.00	
912	Workmens Comp	\$ 67,560.00	\$ 82,987.00	\$ 82,987.00	
913	Unemployment	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
914	Medical & Life	\$ 1,664,000.00	\$ 1,787,004.00	\$ 1,787,004.00	
916	Medicare	\$ 107,500.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	
	Medicaid	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
945	Liability	\$ 210,543.00	\$ 215,100.00	\$ 215,100.00	
193	Building	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
			\$		
	<b>ARTICLE 3 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$15,934,666.00</b>	<b>16,605,845.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,182,850.00</b>	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>					
	<b>Water Department Service Truck</b>	\$ 6,907.00	\$ 6,908.00	\$ 6,908.00	
			\$		
	<b>ARTICLE 3 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,941,573.00</b>	<b>16,612,753.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,189,758.00</b>	
***	PASSES CALLED ON THESE LINE ITEMS				

**ARTICLE 4:** 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 5:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from the Insurance Account all proceeds recovered from the insurer relative to the damage claim at the Butler Elementary School. Such proceeds to be used to pay for said repairs performed in relation to said insurance claim. **WITHDRAWN**

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend the Avon Zoning By-Laws to develop a definition of a residence and limitation of the number of unrelated individuals allowed to lawfully abide in said residence. **WITHDRAWN.**

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to create an Offsets Receipts Account known as the Cross Connection Control Offset Receipts Account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E.

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow subject to the provisions of so-called Prop. 2 ½ the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for the second phase of the brook and stream rehabilitation and cleaning program. **WITHDRAWN**

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be used for the Town's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2013. **WITHDRAWN**

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$67,475) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to pay the third of ten (10) payments of the lease purchase agreement on the Fire Department's Aerial Ladder truck.

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to accept M.G.L. c. 40 Sec. 8G which will allow the Town to enter into agreements with other cities or towns to provide mutual aid. A city or town which accepts this section may enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities and towns, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives, safety and property of the people in the area designated in the agreement. Said agreement may include the furnishing of personnel services, supplies, materials, contractual services, and equipment when the resources normally available to any municipality in the agreement are not sufficient to cope with a situation which requires police action.

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$9,372.11) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used to pay the fourth payment on the Fire Chief's vehicle.

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to appropriate \$18,961 in the following amounts for the following purposes:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source</u>
Board of Selectmen	New Photocopies for Town Hall	\$ 7,500	Appropriation
Park and Recreation	Security Cameras at Miller/Tracy Playground	\$ 4,461	Appropriation
School Department	Engineering for the re-design and Repaving of parking lot, fire lanes and Patrick Clark Drive at Butler	\$ 7,000	Appropriation
<b>Total Recommended from Appropriation</b>		----- \$18,961	

A motion was made and seconded and **DEFEATED BY THE MAJORITY** to amend this Article to include the following:

Water Department	East Main Street Project	\$552,455	Borrowing
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And that to meet this appropriation, the town will raise and appropriate \$18,961 and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow -\$0- under MGL Chapter 44 or any other enabling authority

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, section 4A, authorize the Avon Board of Health or Health Agent to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform in accordance with an InterMunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units.

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Ninety Two Dollars (\$24,092) for the purchase of new fire hydrants. **WITHDRAWN**

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to amend the Avon Zoning By-Laws to develop a definition of home occupation, those allowed, those prohibited and further any parking prohibitions related to such home occupations. **WITHDRAWN**

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the amended sum of Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing and operating EMS reporting systems, related equipment and services.

**ARTICLE 18:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) from the Police Fines account #22-210-863-4600; funds to be used for the purpose of purchasing police vehicles. **WITHDRAWN**



**ARTICLE 19:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used for the purpose of reimbursing insurance companies for overpayments and to pay ALS mutual aid costs.

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from the Septic Loan Receipts Account the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (10,400.36) for repayment of the Title V Water Pollution Abatement Trust Loan voted and approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 1998, Article 23.

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Ambulance Revolving Fund to be used for Emergency Medical Technician training (all levels), continuing EMS education and related expenses.

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to authorize the Treasurer and/or Tax Collector, with the approval of the Selectmen, to enter into written agreements with the banking institutions for a period not to exceed one (1) year, in accordance with Chapter 740 of the Acts of 1985.

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,750.) to be placed in the Stabilization Account.

A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

V Jean Kopke  
Town Clerk