



TOWN OF AVON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, March 24, 2014

at 7:00 o'clock in the evening at Avon High/Middle School

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the required quorum of 50 present. Moderator Staffier asked the Selectmen to lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eric Beckerman, Chairman of the Finance Committee requested a moment of silence for Lou Balboni, a member of the Finance Committee who passed away in January. Selectman Rose requested a moment to make an announcement. He stated that this was the last town meeting for the current Town Clerk, Jean Kopke, and thanked her for her over 31 years of service to the town. He also thanked Wilma Macdonald, Library Trustee, who has been a Library Trustee for over 30 years and is not running for re-election.

Moderator Staffier called for Article 1:

Selectman Rose presented and explained the article:

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, and that there be transferred from free cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.) for the use of said committee. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to amend the article. A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** on the amended Article to study the benefits of regionalizing with any Mass Community to see what options the Town of Avon may review to analyze any cost or educational enhancement that benefit Avon and to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, and that there be transferred from free cash the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.) for the use of said committee.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) account to cover unfunded retiree health and life insurance;

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY A 2/3 MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be placed in the Public Safety Building Stabilization Account.

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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Public Safety Building Study Committee.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Six Thousand and Thirteen Dollars (\$236,013) to repay the remaining Bond Anticipation Note taken out for the Butler School Roofing Project (Article 22, STM May 3, 2011-Debt Exclusion Election June 21, 2011)

ARTICLE 6: 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 Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$110,250.)) to fund Phase Two of a study of onsite wastewater treatment for the Avon Industrial and Commercial Parks.

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000) to fund a study of the Avon Fire Department staffing levels, scheduling and call response of both full time and call personnel.

A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to adjourn. The Town Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Jean Kopke
Town Clerk