



**TOWN OF AVON**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Avon Middle/High School

**Norfolk, SS:** To either of the constables in the Town of Avon in the County of Norfolk.

**Greetings:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Avon qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Avon Middle/High School Auditorium on West Main Street, in said Town of Avon on **Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, by acceptance of grants or any combination thereof, to contribute funds toward the purchase and other costs incidental and related thereto, of property owned by T.L. Edwards Realty, LLC, Trustee of South Street and Route 24 Realty Trust u/d/t dated June 25, 2003 and recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 19426, Page 14, and consisting of 30 acres +/- of land located on Fieldstone Way and Parkview Lane consisting all or portions of the lots shown on Assessor's Map as Parcels B2-4-10, B1-2-13, B1-2-14, B2-4-11, C2-2-2, C2-2-3 and C2-2-8, and B2-4-12 for water supply protection, conservation and recreation purposes and for the purpose of granting restrictions and easements for the purpose of preserving the land for conservation purposes; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire such land on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions, easements and rights as the Board of Selectmen may determine; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Notes: Town has been awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program for 75% of the land acquisition costs and Wildlands Trust raised the remaining funds to support the application. This funding will be used to protect 29.97 acres of forested land adjacent to D.W. Field Park.*

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL c.44, §54(b) to allow Town trust funds to be invested in accordance with MGL c.203C, the so-called “Prudent Investment Rule”, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: FINANCE DIRECTOR**

*Notes: This section enables Municipal Treasurers to apply the Prudent Investor Rule to optimize returns on trust fund monies, as defined in MGL Ch. 203C. The use of this new law requires local approval at Town meeting before implementation.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Ten Cents (\$32,716.10) or such other amounts as Town Meeting may approve, for the purpose of programs and projects set out in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements and the National Opioid Settlement Agreement to combat the opioid epidemic including; Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) Treatment; Support Programs for People with OUD in Treatment and Recovery; Connects to Care for People with or at risk of developing OUD; Harm Reduction efforts to prevent overdoses deaths or other opioid related harms; Support of Pregnant or Parenting Women and their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome; To prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: FINANCE DIRECTOR**

*Notes: In May at our ATM (Article #10) the Town voted to set up a stabilization account for these funds. There is an ongoing State and Nationwide Opioid Settlement in which we received \$32,716.10 in FY23 it closed out to Free Cash and now that it has been certified the monies need to be placed into the Stabilization Account for future funding.*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of financing the following water pollution facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: BOARD OF HEALTH**

*Notes: This is a state sponsored program in which low interest loans are granted to homeowners. Town Meeting has approved this program two times previously.*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from STM 2013 Article #8-\$2,000 to purchase an additional Poll Pad and Poll Pad Receipt Printer at a cost of One Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Five dollars (\$1,625) and any items pertaining to the purchase or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: TOWN CLERK**

*Notes: STM 2013 Article #8 was to survey private roads. This project has been completed.*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from ATM 2021 Article #29-\$44,800 for a Building Condition Assessment of the Town Library at a cost of Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$44,800) located at 280 West Main Street or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

*Notes: ATM 2021 Article #29 was for the purchase of a rescue pumper truck. The truck has been purchased and delivered.*

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from ATM 2019 Article #15 the sum of \$7,242.53 and ATM 2021 Article #7 the sum of \$6,400.00 and ATM 2021 Article #8 the sum of \$45,536.50 and ATM 2022 Article #23 the sum of \$25,436.06 for a grand total of \$84,615.09, and to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Four Dollars and Ninety One Cents (\$80,784.91) to conduct a Wastewater and Water Connection Feasibility study of the MWRA, or City of Brockton, and/or local wastewater disposal for the Avon Industrial Park and Stockwell Drive, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by: BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*Notes: Total Project cost is \$315,400.00. The combined old article money to be utilized is \$84,615.09 and an earmark from the economic Development Bond Bill for the project of \$150,000 brings the remaining balance needed to \$80,784.91.*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) to the Park and Recreation Revolving Account to correct an accounting entry made in Fiscal Year 2023, or take any other action in relation thereto.

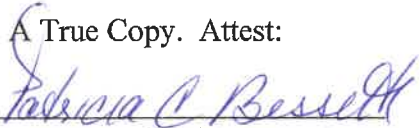
**Proposed by: PARK AND RECREATION**

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at not less than seven (7) public places, including the Post Office, and by leaving not less than twenty (20) copies in each of the public places for distribution in said Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

**HEREOF FAIL NOT**, and make do return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.


Given under our hands this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

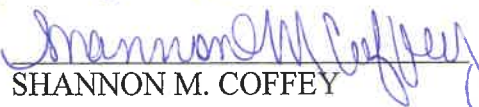
A True Copy. Attest:

  
PATRICIA BESSETTE, TOWN CLERK

  
ERIC S. BECKERMAN, CHAIRMAN

  
JEFFREY BUKUNT, POLICE CHIEF

  
JASON L. SUZOR SR., CLERK

  
SHANNON M. COFFEY

**AVON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**