



TOWN OF AVON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at Avon Middle/High School

Moderator Frank Staffier called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and recessed until the required quorum of 75 was met. The meeting reconvened at 8:28 P.M. when the required quorum was met. Moderator Staffier requested that Selectman Frank Hegarty lead the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of our Servicemen.

Selectmen Hegarty addressed the voters to explain where the funding, for the Articles, was going to come from.

Moderator Staffier called for Article 1.

Article 1: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to amend the FY2012 operating budget by raising and appropriating Three Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars (\$331,863.) and making the following changes in appropriation:

Line Item	Description	Current Appropriation	New Appropriation
155-2	Data Processing	\$8,000.00	\$13,000.00
171-1	Conservation Salary	\$900.00	0.00
171-2	Conservation Expenses	\$500.00	\$4,500.00
192-2	Town Hall Expenses	\$73,713.00	\$83,713.00
210-1	Police Department Salary	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,421,806.00
220-1	Fire Department Salary	\$944,157.00	\$960,054.00
241-1	Building Inspector	\$56,130.00	\$57,630.00
300-2	Avon Public Schools	\$5,695,053.00	\$5,916,322.00
424-2	Street Lighting	\$90,000.00	\$96,500.00
541-1	Council on Aging Salary	\$78,750.00	\$88,750.00
912-1	Workers' Compensation	\$114,000.00	\$150,491.00

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two Dollars (\$321,992) to reduce the Snow and Ice deficit as reported on the FY12 recap.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars (\$51,962) to reduce the Debt deficit as reported on the FY12 recap

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Avon and the Avon Police Relief Association (I.B.P.O.) Local 383 Avon and to transfer from free cash Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Nine Dollars (\$26,909) to defray the cost of said agreement for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to approve the monetary items in an agreement between the Town of Avon and the Professional Firefighters of Avon (I.A.F.F. AFL-CIO) Local 3857 and the Avon Firefighters Relief Association and to transfer from free cash Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Two dollars (\$18,562) to defray the cost of said agreements for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** transfer from free cash the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500) to be used towards the construction of a Veterans' Memorial Park

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be used for the Town's 125th Anniversary Celebration

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** transfer from free cash the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to upgrade the Treasurer's Department software from DNWindows to Fundware so as to streamline department receipts online and integrate with the Town Accountant's Financial Fundware package funded at the May 5, 2009 Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be used for the construction of a handicap ramp at the Council on Aging

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars (\$64,776) to be used for the purchase of an outfitted GVWR dump truck for the Highway Department

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to transfer from free cash the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) for the fencing on the Bartlett Street tennis courts and any other costs associated with this project,

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) for repairs to the Police and Fire Building,

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to transfer from free cash to a Stabilization Fund to be established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 5B the sum of Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.) for the sole purpose of funding a new public safety buildings account

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) for the purchase of new fire hydrants

ARTICLE 15: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$6,775) for repairs to the Page Street standpipe

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to create the position of TREASURER-COLLECTOR of the Town of Avon by inserting in the Charter of the Town of Avon, so called, the following:

ARTICLE IV APPOINTED OFFICERS

SECTION 4-32 TREASURER-COLLECTOR

- (a) Appointment, Term of Office – There shall be a Treasurer-Collector, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to serve a term of not more than three (3) years.
- (b) Powers and Duties – The Treasurer-Collector shall have all the powers, perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred and imposed by law on Town Treasurers and Town Collectors of Taxes.

and removing, ARTICLE 3 ELECTED BODIES, SECTION 3-5 COLLECTOR OF TAXES and SECTION 3-13 TOWN TREASURER,

and, upon the expiration of the term of the officeholders of the current positions, the positions of elected Town Treasurer and elected Tax Collector shall cease. Thereafter, appointments to the position of Treasurer-Collector shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-32 (a),

THIS ARTICLE WAS DEFEATED

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded and **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE** to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Avon by adding the following:

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4-33. – Residency Requirement - Boards, Commissions and Committees.

No person shall be appointed to or serve on a board, commission or committee of the Town or any other board, commission or committee for which the appointment thereto is by a Town board

or officer, unless such person is a resident of the Town. Any person serving as a member of a board, commission or committee who, during the term of office for which appointed, ceases to be a resident of the Town, shall be deemed to have vacated such membership.

The provisions of this bylaw shall not apply to ex-officio members (including any non-resident town officer(s) or employee(s) representing the Town in such capacity) and non-voting members. Additionally, non-resident members of a board, commission or committee holding such membership at the time this bylaw becomes effective shall also be exempt until the expiration of his or her term,

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote 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,
THIS ARTICLE WAS DEFEATED

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded and **VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE MAJORITY** to from free cash the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.) to be placed in the Stabilization Account

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Kopke
Town Clerk