

SPECIAL AVON TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2004

A Special Meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Chamber by Chairman Hines. Members present: Mrs. Hornaday, Messrs. Carlson, Shea and Woodford.

The Town Council discussed in detail the need to be able to present a budget that did not exceed a levy of 23.48 mill rate.

After considerable discussion the Town Council made additional reductions beyond the Board of Finance requested reduction of \$193,000 which was made at its June 11, 2004 meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Woodford, seconded by Mr. Shea it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the following be presented to the Board of Finance as the Town Council's recommendation regarding reductions to the proposed 2004/2005 budget.

Town Operating Budget	\$15,283,236	395,600	2.66%
Sewer Operating Budget	1,028,114	203,703	24.71%
Capital & Debt Serv.	4,910,113	161,049	3.39%
CNREF Fac.&Equip	1,263,683	(90,406)	-6.68%

Mrs. Hornaday and Messrs: Hines, Carlson, Shea and Woodford voted in favor.

The following are the areas that were reduced:

The Town's Operating Budget reflect the most recent reductions as follows -

- Deferral of the additional Police Officer
- Discontinuance of the annual brush collection program (Additional amount added to expand landfill hours during the spring months to permit residents to carry their brush to the landfill.
- Deferral of additional part-time evening children's librarian
- Reduction in the number of Sunday openings of the Library.
- A large number of reductions in various departmental budgets reflect approximately \$92,000

Capital Improvement Program Budget.

- Added \$25,00 to fund Phase I and II of the Avon High School Addition/Renovations
- Reduction of \$49,000 for the replacement of the Pine Grove School Roof
- Reduction of \$10,678 to the Avon Town Hall Building project.

The total reductions approved at this meeting amounted to \$309,997.

The Chairman to discuss with the Board of Finance the Town Council's recommendations as to the reduction to their budget. The Chairman also to discuss with the Chairman of the Board of Education the need to further reduce their budget if there is any chance for the third Referendum to succeed.

This position will be maintained by the Town Council in the event the third referendum failed and they are required to adopt the budget for the following year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest:

Caroline B. LaMonica
Town Clerk