



# Town of Avon Newsletter

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## Annual Town Meeting

This issue of the Town newsletter is devoted to the proposed budget, which will be the subject of the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting and the May 11, 2016 Referendum. The Annual Town Meeting is held for the purpose of presenting the Board of Finance's proposed budget to the voters; the Annual Town Meeting will not include a vote for the budget or result in an increase or decrease in the budget. The budget will be voted on at the May 11th Referendum.

The Board of Finance held its Public Hearing on April 11th. On April 13th, the Board of Finance held their budget workshop with the Board of Education and Town Council and reached their final decision on the total budget.

As approved by the Board of Finance, and if approved by the voters at referendum, the overall fiscal year 2016/2017 budget will be \$89,054,435. This represents a budget increase of \$2,647,439, or 3.06%, and an increase in the levy of 3.09%. The associated mill rate would increase from 28.80 to 29.52, or 2.50%.

The Board of Finance will be presenting their proposed budget at the Annual Town Meeting on May 2, 2016. The Resolution that will be presented at the Town Meeting and the Referendum is as follows:

'SHALL THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,054,435 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2016 BE APPROVED?'

At the conclusion of the discussion on the proposed budget, the meeting will be adjourned to a referendum vote on May 11th. Those eligible to vote include electors and taxpayers. Taxpayers are permitted to vote if they are at least 18 years of age, own property that has an assessed value of \$1,000 or more as of the October 1, 2015 Grand List, and are U.S. citizens.

## Tax Relief For Elderly and Disabled Homeowners

In November 2014, the Town Council approved a two year extension of the Town's Elderly Property Tax Relief Program and raised the income limit. Homeowners who are age 65 or older or totally disabled may be eligible for up to \$2,165 (for a married couple) or \$1,915 (for an unmarried individual) in property tax relief. To be eligible, you must have been 65 or older by 12/31/15, your adjusted gross income plus social security has to be \$55,000 or less, and you must have owned your home on October 1, 2015. Applications must be received by May 15, 2016. If you have any questions or feel you might be eligible, please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 409-4335 for a confidential appointment.

## Avon Day 2016



Plans are well underway for Avon Day 2016! This year's date is September 24, 2016 and will be held on the fields at Thompson Brook School. **SO**, mark your calendars for a fun filled day of food, entertainment, informational booths for local service organizations, corporate booths and some exciting surprises you will find out about later!! If you are interested in reserving a booth, you can find all the information at [www.avonct.gov](http://www.avonct.gov).

This year the cost of a corporate booth has been reduced to \$275, however, **if you reserve your booth by August 1, 2016, you will pay only \$250.00!** The cost for a non-profit booth remains the same at \$25.00. If you are interested in reserving a food booth, please contact Nancy Anstey at [nancy.anstey@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.anstey@comcast.net) or (860) 680-5298. The Committee is looking forward to seeing you there.

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## 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection



The Town of Avon, in conjunction with Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury will be holding three household hazardous waste collections in 2016! Each collection will run from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Avon residents can no longer participate in any of the MDC Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The collection schedule is as follows:

- ◆ April 30, 2016 – Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT
- ◆ June 18, 2016 – Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Rd., Simsbury, CT
- ◆ November 5, 2016 – Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Rd., Simsbury, CT

At each collection, the following additional services will be provided to residents:

- ◆ Document Shredding (please limit to 3 boxes; no commercial)
- ◆ Electronics Recycling (e-waste with Freon will not be accepted)

## Reminders from the Avon Volunteer Fire Department

**Mailboxes:** When rebuilding mailboxes damaged over the winter, please be sure to affix large, reflective house numbers to both sides of the mailbox so emergency personnel can see them clearly when responding to calls for help. Consider placing numbers in conspicuous places on homes and/or garages as well.

**Propane Grilling:** Many gas grill fires happen when people either use a grill that has been left idle or has just had a refilled gas tank reattached. Check tubes and hoses for blockages as well as cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Protect hoses from heat, either by moving them or using a heat shield. Check for leaks – if you find one, turn off the gas. Use grills outdoors, at least 10 feet away from buildings. Keep propane containers upright and do not store spare containers under or near the grill or indoors. For more gas grill safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, visit the AVFD's website at [www.avonvfd.org](http://www.avonvfd.org).

## Dog Registration

On May 16th, the Town Clerk's Office will begin issuing July 2016 dog licenses. Renewal notices will be mailed to all registered dog owners. To purchase a license, simply bring or send a copy of the dog's valid rabies certificate and spayed/neutered certificate along with \$8.00 or \$19.00 if unaltered dogs to: Avon Town Clerk, 60 W Main St., Avon CT 06001-3719. Please make check payable to the Town of Avon. There is a \$1.00 penalty fee per dog per month if you fail to register your dog on or before June 30th. Remember that Connecticut law requires that all dogs be licensed.

### Dog/Cat Rabies Vaccination Clinic (Open to all Towns) Avon Animal Shelter

11 Arch Road • Saturday, May 7, 2016  
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00/vaccine (**CASH ONLY**)

Proof of previous rabies vaccine must be presented to receive a three year vaccine. For additional information you may contact Beverly LaPlume, Animal Control Officer, at (860) 409-4205.

### VFW Annual Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2016

This will be the 71st anniversary and the 71st parade following the end of WWII. If you have any questions, please call Bill Samol (860) 673-0594. In case of rain, meet at the Avon Senior Center at 11:00 AM. The **VFW POPPY DRIVE** will run from the 2nd week of May through Memorial Day. Please show your support for all the veterans.



**Town of Avon – BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>Actual FY 2014/2015</b>	<b>Adopted FY 2015/2016</b>	<b>Projected FY 2015/2016</b>	<b>Proposed FY 2016/2017</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Property Taxes & Assessments	72,760,210	74,486,325	74,486,325	76,857,403
Intergovernmental Revenues	6,095,243	4,984,171	4,984,171	4,741,745
Licenses, Fees and Permits	1,221,695	1,053,825	1,053,825	1,129,445
Charges for Services	4,718,125	4,546,512	4,546,512	4,489,393
Other Local Revenues	558,152	479,163	479,163	411,977
Transfers from Other Funds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Use of Fund Balance	7,802	857,000	857,000	1,424,472
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>85,361,227</b>	<b>86,406,996</b>	<b>86,406,996</b>	<b>89,054,435</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
General Government	2,933,179	3,096,390	3,096,390	3,283,023
Public Safety	9,579,166	9,708,581	9,708,581	10,007,820
Public Works	5,541,015	5,583,203	5,583,203	5,787,523
Health and Social Services	502,739	483,568	483,568	504,338
Recreation & Parks	1,132,707	1,145,800	1,145,800	1,172,661
Culture & Education	1,479,743	1,503,905	1,503,905	1,586,279
Education – Town	54,705,107	55,120,652	55,120,652	56,621,408
Education - Regional School District	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Conservation & Development	613,769	636,900	636,900	633,142
Miscellaneous	333,033	333,814	333,814	320,732
Sewers	2,397,623	1,962,071	1,962,071	1,947,682
Debt Service	3,647,488	3,300,940	3,300,940	2,779,790
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	3,887,122	3,531,172	3,531,172	4,410,037
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>86,752,691</b>	<b>86,406,996</b>	<b>86,406,996</b>	<b>89,054,435</b>

**Proposed FY 2016/2017 Budget Summary**

Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 89,054,435
Less: Revenues Other Than <u>Current</u> Property Taxes	\$ 12,517,847
Amount to be Raised from <u>Current</u> Property Taxes (based on an estimated tax collection rate if 99%)	\$ 76,536,588

**Estimated Fund Balance (Deficit) – General Fund as of July 1, 2016**

General Fund Resources Available as of June 30, 2015	\$ 8,003,009
FY 2015/2016 General Fund Projected Increase (Decrease) in Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (359,057)
Estimated General Fund, fund balance (deficit) as of July 1, 2016	\$ 7,643,952

The estimates above of the proposed fiscal year 2016/2017 budget represents a summary of the proposed budget. A complete detailed presentation is on file at: Avon Town Hall, 60 West Main Street, Avon, CT 06001. It can also be viewed at the following web address: [www.avonct.gov](http://www.avonct.gov).

**Town of Avon - All Funds Budget Proposed to Town Meeting for  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 - Revenues**

PROPERTY TAXES & ASSESSMENTS	ACTUAL FY 14/15	BUDGETED 15/16	PROPOSED 16/17
Gross Levy	72,174,130	74,271,866	76,536,588
Uncollectible	(585,565)	(605,565)	(595,565)
Net Levy	71,588,565	73,666,301	75,941,023
Supplemental Real Estate	124,393	85,525	85,525
Supplemental Motor Vehicle	653,935	383,834	450,855
Prior Levies	131,200	130,000	130,000
Interest & Penalties	151,901	100,000	140,000
Sewer Assessments	54,055	60,665	50,000
West Main Interest	1,257	0	0
Lakeview Water Ext. Assessments	2,350	0	0
Telephone Gross Receipts	52,554	60,000	60,000
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES &amp; ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>72,760,210</b>	<b>74,486,325</b>	<b>76,857,403</b>
LICENSES, FEES & PERMITS			
Police Protection	6,671	9,000	9,000
Building, Struct. and Equip.	549,051	475,000	500,000
Hunting and Fishing	73	125	75
Animal Licenses	13,691	1,900	1,900
Street and Curb	3,200	2,500	2,200
Recording & Conveyance	598,289	500,000	550,000
Conservation and Development	7,206	25,000	29,500
Sale: Maps/Publications/Copies	22,336	25,700	21,070
LOCAP Recording Fee	7,326	5,000	7,600
MERS Land Recording Fee	4,057	3,600	3,600
Sewer Permits & Inspection Fees	9,795	6,000	4,500
<b>TOTAL LICENSES, FEES &amp; PERMITS</b>	<b>1,221,695</b>	<b>1,053,825</b>	<b>1,129,445</b>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL STATE GRANTS-IN-AID:			
Equalized Cost Sharing (ECS)	1,258,240	1,233,415	760,204
School Transportation	15,855	18,256	11,484
BOE Special Education Excess Cost	1,761,375	1,181,621	1,190,000
BOE Open Choice Attendance	660,000	795,000	795,000
BOE Open Choice	50,000	0	0
Title II Part A Teachers - Fund #13	33,466	33,466	32,000
Adult Education Cooperative - Fund #13	2,028	1,987	2,010
IDEA 611 Part B - Fund #13	474,420	523,000	523,000
Immigrant Grant - Fund #13	0	21,515	0
Title I Improving Basic Programs - Fund #13	207,952	218,000	120,000
Pre School-IDEA 619 - Fund #13	25,708	75,537	15,537
Carl Perkins - Fund #13	0	24,114	24,114
Sheff Settlement - Fund #13	301,550	191,325	201,550
BOE Education Program Grants - Fund #13 Various	74,346	58,000	7,175
School Building Construction	127,076	0	0
Grants for Municipal Projects	8,378	0	0
Pequot Funds	15,844	16,465	16,979
Town Aid Road Fund - Fund #8	311,737	113,809	312,344
Sewers	18,358	0	0
Cafeteria-Board of Education - Fund #14	152,579	166,647	166,977
Public Library	1,159	0	0
Property Tax Relief-Elderly	87,645	95,000	85,000
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	95,895	95,895	95,895
Veteran Reimbursement	4,715	4,750	4,750
LOCIP Fund - Fund #11	108,884	108,969	108,884
Youth Services Grant	20,172	0	0
CT Trust for Historic Preservation	10,067	0	0
Nutmeg Conn 114-01 Grant	6,000	0	0
Judicial Branch 51-56	1,450	0	0
Manufacturing Transition Grant	245,886	0	261,442
Miscellaneous State Grant Receipts	14,458	7,400	7,400
<b>TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL</b>	<b>6,095,243</b>	<b>4,984,171</b>	<b>4,741,745</b>
<b>TOTAL THIS PAGE</b>	<b>80,077,148</b>	<b>80,524,321</b>	<b>82,728,593</b>

**Town of Avon - All Funds Budget Proposed to Town Meeting for  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 - Revenues**

CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	ACTUAL FY 14/15	BUDGETED 15/16	PROPOSED 16/17
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police Services	113,414	17,474	17,452
Accident Reports & Photos	1,565	930	1,300
Alarm System	1,575	0	0
Animal Pound Fee	1,505	1,080	1,080
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
Sale of Materials	0	0	0
Landfill (Residential) Fees	139,470	140,000	140,000
Landfill - Bulky Waste/Other	26,527	25,000	27,000
Sewer Connection Charges	192,172	100,000	150,000
Sewer Use Charges	1,782,846	1,777,306	1,800,000
<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:</b>			
Vital Statistics	23,491	22,500	22,500
<b>RECREATION &amp; PARKS:</b>			
Organized Summer Programs	42,947	43,000	43,000
Swim Fees	50,278	60,000	55,000
Fees: Non-Reimbursable	3,610	4,200	4,000
Fees: Reimbursable	260,071	271,138	293,503
Maintenance Fees	44,566	58,615	48,543
Senior Rec. Activities	22,946	10,640	19,190
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Cafeteria Sales	839,851	952,562	883,339
BOE Athletic Game Receipts/Pay to Play	213,404	199,816	203,840
Use of School Facilities	54,398	56,500	54,000
<b>FINES &amp; FORFEITS</b>			
Courts	110	135	150
Public Library	15,680	16,000	19,000
BOE Employee Bnft Contrb, Dent/Life	113,508	130,092	123,376
BOE Miscellaneous Receipts	6,158	14,000	0
BOE Tuition Receipts-Parent Paid (pre K Prog)	29,115	38,620	38,620
BOE TEAM Program	5,000	4,250	4,250
BOE Cafeteria Rent Receipts	60,848	69,573	30,000
BOE AHS Parking Fees	38,000	35,250	35,250
BOE Special Education Tuition	635,070	497,831	475,000
<b>TOTAL CHARGES FOR CURRENT SVCS.</b>	<b>4,718,125</b>	<b>4,546,512</b>	<b>4,489,393</b>
<b>OTHER LOCAL REVENUES</b>			
Investment Interest - GF	52,302	90,000	100,000
Refunds & Reimbursements	38,034	132,075	120,189
Sewer Use - Interest & Liens	19,168	18,000	15,000
Sewer Assessments - Interest & Liens	0	100	100
Rents & Reimbursements: Sprint Tower	107,958	52,000	52,000
BOE Misc Revenue	140,143	0	0
Donations & Grants Private Source - Fund #9	800	0	0
Donations & Grants Private Source - GF	3,673	0	0
Interlocal Program Funding	71,208	55,480	0
POMS Fund Donations	1,100	0	0
Timber Sale - Fund #4	0	0	10,000
BOE Funding School Resource Officer	0	76,000	65,000
Salvage and Demolition Sales	6,613	15,820	10,000
Sale of Property	4,850	25,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	4,812	14,688	14,688
Cancelled Emcumbrances	107,491	0	0
<b>TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>558,152</b>	<b>479,163</b>	<b>411,977</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Use of Assigned Fund Balance Cap. Res - Fund #1	0	27,000	120,000
Use of Assigned Fund Balance Cap. Res - Fund #2	0	0	279,390
Unassigned Fund Balance - Fund #4	7,802	10,000	0
Unassigned Fund Balance - Fund #5	0	820,000	1,025,082
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>857,000</b>	<b>1,424,472</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL MUNICIPAL REVENUES</b>	<b>85,361,227</b>	<b>86,406,996</b>	<b>89,054,435</b>



**Town of Avon - All Funds Budget Proposed to Town Meeting for  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 - Expenditures**

<b>TOWN COUNCIL</b>	<b>ACTUAL FY 14/15</b>	<b>BUDGETED 15/16</b>	<b>PROPOSED 16/17</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			
Legislative	45,724	50,331	50,331
Executive	432,440	457,650	501,763
Judicial	4,804	4,950	4,950
Elections	80,612	100,961	113,923
Legal	142,744	165,000	165,000
Recording & Reporting	372,170	393,523	402,140
Town Hall	119,814	118,888	127,538
Human Resources	239,607	258,255	264,561
Finance	1,495,263	1,546,832	1,652,817
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2,933,179</b>	<b>3,096,390</b>	<b>3,283,023</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
Police Protection	6,414,354	6,456,114	6,550,885
Fire Protection	1,855,727	1,824,870	1,980,837
Central Communications	771,091	802,735	839,335
Protective Inspection	306,895	377,531	375,856
Other Protection	231,099	247,331	260,907
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>9,579,166</b>	<b>9,708,581</b>	<b>10,007,820</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
Administration	387,831	442,229	451,987
Highways	2,240,967	2,020,812	2,102,680
Sanitation	320,313	386,759	401,261
Machinery & Equipment	554,854	597,601	623,944
Buildings & Grounds	1,692,392	1,783,216	1,819,670
Engineering	344,657	352,586	387,981
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>5,541,015</b>	<b>5,583,203</b>	<b>5,787,523</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b>			
Conservation of Health	131,329	133,688	135,710
Social Services	371,410	349,880	368,628
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>502,739</b>	<b>483,568</b>	<b>504,338</b>
<b>RECREATION &amp; PARKS</b>			
Recreation	836,555	846,812	974,829
Parks	146,107	120,675	116,421
Senior Citizens	28,287	36,746	47,196
Community Activities	121,758	141,567	34,215
<b>TOTAL RECREATION &amp; PARKS</b>	<b>1,132,707</b>	<b>1,145,800</b>	<b>1,172,661</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; EDUCATION</b>			
Library	1,479,743	1,503,905	1,586,279
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; EDUCATION</b>	<b>1,479,743</b>	<b>1,503,905</b>	<b>1,586,279</b>
<b>TOTAL THIS PAGE</b>	<b>21,168,549</b>	<b>21,521,447</b>	<b>22,341,644</b>



**Town of Avon - All Funds Budget Proposed to Town Meeting for  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 - Expenditures**

	<b>ACTUAL FY 14/15</b>	<b>BUDGETED 15/16</b>	<b>PROPOSED 16/17</b>
<b>TOTALS FROM PREVIOUS PAGE</b>	<b>21,168,549</b>	<b>21,521,447</b>	<b>22,341,644</b>
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT			
Planning & Zoning	453,655	467,474	457,290
Conserv. Of Natural Resources	160,114	169,426	175,852
TOTAL CONSERVATION & DEV'T	613,769	636,900	633,142
MISCELLANEOUS			
Claims & Losses	57,309	15,000	15,000
Municipal Insurance	227,730	252,314	239,232
Intergovernmental Expend.	47,194	56,500	56,500
Contingency	800	10,000	10,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	333,033	333,814	320,732
SUB-TOTAL TOWN OF AVON	22,115,351	22,492,161	23,295,518
SEWERS			
Operating Expenses	2,397,623	1,962,071	1,947,682
TOTAL SEWERS	2,397,623	1,962,071	1,947,682
CAPITAL IMPROV. DEBT SERVICE			
Bond & Anticipat. Notes	3,647,488	3,300,940	2,779,790
TOTAL CAP. IMP. DEBT SERVICE	3,647,488	3,300,940	2,779,790
CAPITAL IMPROVE. PROGRAM (CIP)			
Capital Improvement Facilities	2,234,738	2,678,172	3,825,037
Capital Improvement Equipment	1,602,384	853,000	385,000
Capital & Non-Recurr. (C.N.R.E.F.)	50,000	0	200,000
TOTAL CIP	3,887,122	3,531,172	4,410,037
BOARD OF EDUCATION			
Salaries	32,693,439	33,581,807	34,766,033
Employee Benefits	8,242,353	8,743,144	9,445,758
Purchased Prof & Tech Services	1,310,564	952,005	1,086,654
Property Services	937,636	769,489	767,975
Other Purchased Services	5,666,331	5,785,758	6,168,358
General Supplies & Utilities	2,475,576	2,519,002	2,208,846
Equipment	1,043,353	379,389	320,705
Fees & Memberships	81,338	67,405	88,535
Cafeteria Operation	1,047,552	1,119,209	1,050,316
Facility Use	32,900	56,500	54,000
Prepaid State & Federal Grants	1,174,065	1,146,944	925,386
SUBTOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	54,705,107	55,120,652	56,882,566
BOARD OF FINANCE REDUCTION			(261,158)
<b>TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>54,705,107</b>	<b>55,120,652</b>	<b>56,621,408</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>86,752,691</b>	<b>86,406,996</b>	<b>89,054,435</b>



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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY**

**APRIL 26, 2016**

**6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.**

**Absentee Ballots—Available starting April 5, 2016**

**District #1**—Avon High School  
510 West Avon Road  
Gymnasium

**District #2**—Fire House Co. #1  
25 Darling Drive  
Upper Level

**District #3**—Roaring Brook School  
30 Old Wheeler Lane  
Gymnasium

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 2, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

**AVON SENIOR CENTER  
635 WEST AVON ROAD**

### **BUDGET REFERENDUM**

**MAY 11, 2016**

**6:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**AVON SENIOR CENTER  
635 WEST AVON ROAD**

### **ABSENTEE BALLOTING IS A TWO STEP PROCESS**

**First**, it is necessary to complete an application which is available in the Town Clerk's Office. You may complete an application in the office during normal business hours or you may request the application be mailed to you. Once the application is complete, the Town Clerk's Office will issue a ballot to you personally or by mail.

**Second**, complete the ballot and return it to the Town Clerk's Office. The ballot must be received by the close of the polls.

Any questions regarding absentee ballots should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 409-4310.