

BUDGET REFERENDUM HISTORY

Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1	Number of Eligible Voters [1]	Voter Turnout	Combined Spending Increase	Mill Rate Increase (Mill Rate)	Result Yes – No
1999	10,044	1,016 (10.1%)	7.57% \$41,311,111	1.91% (22.42)	Approved, 611 – 405 (60.1% - 39.8%)
2000 (After Reval.)	10,122	1,353 (13.4%)	6.7% \$44,079,641	9.28% (24.50)	Approved, 896 – 457 (66.2% - 33.7%)
2001	10,506	534 (5.1%) [2]	8.1% \$47,650,130	5.71% (25.90)	Approved, 394 – 140 (73.7% - 26.2%)
2002, 1st	10,272	1,802 (17.5%)	11.21% \$52,990,000	7.53% (27.85)	Defeated, 835 – 967 (46.3% - 53.6%)
2002, 2nd	10,308	2,551 (24.7%)	6.82% \$50,898,068	5.41% (27.30)	Approved, 1,585 – 966 (62.1% - 37.8%)
2003, 1st	10,300	3,554 (34.0%)	6.94% \$54,430,481	5.13% (28.70)	Defeated, 1,661 – 1,893 (46.7% - 53.2%)
2003, 2nd	10,310	2,579 (25.0%)	5.69% \$53,792,839	3.66% (28.30)	Approved, 1,397 – 1,182 (54.1% - 45.8%)
2004, 1st (After Reval.)	10,340	4,556 (43.8%)	6.09% \$57,070,527	5.50% (24.06)	Defeated, 2,064 – 2,492 (45.2% - 54.7%)
2004, 2nd	10,376	4,215 (40.7%)	4.75% \$56,347,979	3.64% (23.63)	Defeated, 1,898 – 2,317 (45.0% - 55.0%)
2004, 3rd	10,492	2,741 (26.1%)	4.10% \$55,996,649	2.87% (23.46)	Approved, 1,651 – 1,090 (60.2% - 39.8%)
2005	11,342	2,534 (21.0%)	4.80% \$58,686,957	2.98% (24.16)	Approved, 1,768 – 766 (68.5% - 31.5%)
2006	10,918	1,891 (16.5%)	5.57% \$61,958,319	2.86% (24.85)	Approved, 1,298 – 593 (68.6% - 31.4%)
2007	11,062	1,400 (12.6%)	5.18% \$66,504,738	2.82% (25.55)	Approved, 953 – 447 (68.1% - 31.9%)
2008, 1st	11,364	3,463 (30.4%)	7.45% \$71,456,376	5.75% (27.02)	Defeated, 1,458 – 2,005 (42.1% - 57.8%)
2008, 2nd	11,193	3,260 (29.1%)	6.36% \$70,734,011	4.50% (26.70)	Defeated, 1,355 – 1,905 (41.5% - 58.4%)
2008, 3rd	11,296	2,755 (24.3%)	5.78% \$70,352,037	3.84% (26.53)	Defeated 1,298 – 1,457 (47.1% - 52.9%)

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2008 [3]			6.05% \$70,529,148 [4]	3.84% (26.53)	
2009 (After Reval.)	11,935	2,882 (24.13%)	.51% \$70,887,438	1.65% (23.41) [5]	Approved, 2,153 – 729 (74.7% - 25.3%)
2010	11,783	5,604 (47.56%)	2.80% \$72,873,138	4.4% (24.44)	Approved, 3,243 – 2,361 (57.9% - 42.1%)
2011	12,003	1,868 (15.5%)	2.35% \$74,584,980	2.45% (25.04)	Approved, 1,277 – 591 (68.4% - 31.6%)
2012	11,954	1,193 (9.98%)	5.56% \$78,729,793	2.44% (25.65)	Approved, 789 – 404 (66.1% - 33.9%)
2013	12,183	1,060 (8.7%) [2]	3.85% \$81,760,417	2.60% (26.32)	Approved, 812 – 248 (76.6% - 23.4%)
2014 (After Reval.)	11,535	479 (4.15%) [2]	2.60% \$83,887,095	7.60% (28.32) [6]	Approved, 322 – 157 (67.2% - 32.8%)
2015	11,447	421 (3.70%) [2]	3.00% \$86,406,996	1.69% (28.80)	Approved, 292 – 129 (69.3% - 30.6%)
2016	11,818	724 (6.13%) [2]	3.06% \$89,054,435	2.50% 29.52	Approved, 364 – 360 (50.3% - 49.7%)
2017	12,648	1,048 (8.30%) [2]	2.09% \$90,913,236	3.62% (30.59)	Approved, 582 – 466 (55.5% - 44.5%)
2018	12,566	527 (4.20%) [2]	2.21% \$92,919,694	2.48% (31.35)	Approved, 258 – 269 (48.9% - 51.1%)
2019 (After Reval.)	12,884	809 (6.20%) [2]	2.66% \$95,394,145	4.94% (32.90) [7]	Approved, 365 – 444 (45.1% - 54.9%)
2020	[8]	[8]	3.48% \$98,711,330	0% (32.90)	Approved, [8]
2021	13,620	525 (3.9%) [2]	2.58% \$101,261,159	3.98% (34.21)	Approved, 198 – 327 (37.7% - 62.3%)
2022	13,593	430 (3.2%) [2]	4.92% \$106,248,104	1.17% (34.61) [9]	Approved, 239 – 191 (55.6% - 44.4%)

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Footnotes:

[1] The number of eligible voters is based on the number of people who are registered to vote in Avon. U.S citizens who own property in Avon that has an assessed value of at least \$1000 and who are age 18 or over are eligible to vote in a budget referendum even if they do not reside in Avon, but they are not included in the total of eligible voters shown above.

[2] Under Section 9.4.4 of the Town Charter, if the number of persons voting is less than 9% of the eligible voters, the budget is “deemed approved” regardless of the actual voting result.

[3] In accordance with State law and the Town Charter, after three unsuccessful referenda the Town Council adopts a budget without the need for a public hearing or a vote by the public. See note 4, below.

[4] Budget as adopted by the Town Council following defeat of the third referendum. The Council increased the Capital Improvement Program category by \$177,000 to reflect an increase in anticipated revenues as a result of the State Legislature’s last-minute renewal of the conveyance tax surcharge. The Council left the mill rate increase and all other spending and revenue categories unchanged.

[5] Net year-to-year increase due to Reval.

[6] Gross increase due to Reval; net increase was 2.55%.

[7] Gross increase due to Reval; net increase was 2.68%.

[8] On March 21, 2020, Executive Order 7I (EO7I) suspended in-person budget adoption requirements for municipalities. In accordance with EO7I, the Town Council authorized the Board of Finance, to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020/2021 and to set a mill rate, which were adopted/set on May 11, 2020.

[9] On May 9, 2022, Governor Ned Lamont signed into law the State of Connecticut’s fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment bill. This bill established a car tax mill rate cap of 32.46. In order to comply with the car tax mill rate cap set by the State, the Board of Finance set a motor vehicle mill rate of 32.46 that is separate from the mill rate established for real estate and personal property.