AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
January 8, 2015
Selectmen's Chambers, 5:30 pm
Town of Avon

I. CALL TO ORDER
The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Johansen.

Present: Eric Johansen
Tom Armstrong
Chris Roy
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

Absent: Michael Farrell, Terry Ryan

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – December 11, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Johansen made a motion for approval of the December 11, 2014 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Roy, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

IV NEW BUSINESS – None

V. OLD BUSINESS

2013 – 7 Assessment Conveyance – Mr. Armstrong described potential changes to the assessment policy including changing language when paying in installments, such as length of installment plans. Mr. Baril responded to Mr. Armstrong's question regarding the source of financing a sewer extension project, which derives from the undesignated sewer fund balance. Mr. Baril clarified this fund is not a general fund. Mr. Baril mentioned that when a project is bonded, the assessment policy can't have the length of installments outlast the bond term. A ten-year term has been used in the past for the time allowed for installments. Mr. Armstrong noted language could include the installment plan not to exceed neither ten years nor the provisions in the statute, as amended. Mr. Baril mentioned he plans to hear from Murtha Cullina soon on their feedback on the assessment policy.

2011 – 10 I & I Study – Mr. Baril provided information from the status update with Fuss & O'Neill that was held in late December. Fuss & O'Neill is working on the modeling and working through issues relative to the temporary flow metering. Mr. Baril responded to Mr. Armstrong's question that the temporary meter values differed from the Town of Avon's meters by half. Mr. Johansen inquired whether the meters can clog. Mr. Baril mentioned they could given the type of environment the meters are in. However, the temporary meters were checked weekly to verify their calibration and nothing was found to impact the values. The dilution testing will be done in the springtime when the groundwater is high. The agenda item will be tabled for approximately three months.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – None

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Roy commended Mr. Baril on the letter to residents regarding the potential sewer extension for Paperchase Trail and inquired about any updates. Mr. Baril noted that funds are available to hire out the survey and the borings for the project. Mr. Baril responded to Mr. Johansen's question that there may be up to 100 borings. Potential problems exist when ledge is encountered because there's a high cost associated with blasting if the ledge can't be broken up. It's favorable to anticipate a certain amount of ledge and include this in one's budget. Mr. Baril replied to Mr. Armstrong's question that sewers are not required to go into the street. Mr. Roy noted that the Town of Simsbury allows residents to elect to roll in the sewer connection fee into the 10 year deferment. Mr. Baril noted this has not been allowed in the Town of Avon and a sewer permit can't be generated until the $2,500 connection fee is paid.

Mr. Armstrong inquired about the language for the installments and whether using the 10-year period should be a guideline or whether a longer term is an option. Mr. Johansen mentioned he received a five-year payback period when he connected to the Town's sanitary sewer system. Mr. Baril noted the interest rate for the last sewer project was approximately 2.8%

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION: Mr. Johansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Roy received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk