

Avon Water Pollution Control Authority
November 9, 2023 – 5:30 PM
Via GoToMeeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:32pm via GoToMeeting by Chairperson Eric Johansen.

AWPCA – Roll Call:

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairperson
Chris Roy, Vice Chairperson
Pam Monroe
Aden Baume
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
Absent: Micah Rousey

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

On a motion made by Mr. Roy, seconded by Ms. Monroe, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting as drafted. Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Johansen, Roy and Baume voted in favor.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

Audience in attendance:
David F. Whitney Consulting Engineers, LLC - David Whitney
Vessel Technologies, Inc. - Josh Levy

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2023 – 4 Potential Apartment Development at 25 & 41 Avonwood Road

Mr. Baril provided a summary regarding the potential apartment development at 25 & 41 Avonwood Road and the impact on the sewer collection system. Mr. Baril stated his recommendation was that the Authority carefully consider this project as an important issue and table a decision so that the Authority has more time to identify questions and concerns. Mr. Baril reiterated the importance of the Authority being prepared to apply whatever decisions are made consistently with all future proposed developments.

Mr. Whitney provided a presentation for the potential apartment development at 25 & 41 Avonwood Road as the consultant for the developer, Vessel Technologies, Inc.

Mr. Levy provided a brief description of what his company does and an overview of the proposed development at 25 & 41 Avonwood Road.

Ms. Monroe stated that she is on the Affordable Housing Task Force and asked for clarification regarding this development as affordable housing.

Mr. Levy stated that while this proposed development is not subsidized housing, he does consider it to be affordable housing targeted to community members.

Ms. Monroe inquired about the number of bedrooms per unit, in-unit washer and dryers, and whether the development would have a parking lot or parking garage.

Mr. Levy stated that most of the units would be one bedroom, but standard units are 1-2 bedrooms, with washer/dryer in unit and a parking lot for the complex.

Mr. Roy inquired about the two sections of pipe on Waterville Road.

Mr. Baril stated that he has not looked into the design yet and one outcome could be that the Authority decides the developer will be responsible for the design. Mr. Baril stated that this development is the first he has seen in his tenure with the potential to exceed the capacity of the Town's system and will set a precedent for future developments.

My. Roy inquired about the status of Avon Gardens.

Mr. Baril stated that they are still moving forward, albeit slowly.

Mr. Johansen stated that as Mr. Baril mentioned, this development would set a precedent moving forward and provided that with the status of the Authority, further discussion was in the best interest of the Town. Mr. Johansen urged the members of the Authority to review the information and send any questions or concerns to Mr. Baril.

Mr. Baril stated that he would look at possible solutions to resolving the pipe capacity concerns before the December meeting.

Mr. Whitney inquired if Mr. Baril thought 210 gallons per day, per unit, was an accurate measure.

Mr. Baril stated that it could be possible units use less, but that figure should be the standard for now and asked Mr. Levy to provide information on similar developments.

Mr. Levy stated that he could have his engineers provide an assessment based on the fixtures they will use and water conservation tools, to provide more data for potential water consumption.

Mr. Johansen stated that Avon is an attractive town to live in and unless there is a limit on the number of people per unit, it could draw much more potential usage.

Mr. Levy stated that state code does actually limit the number of people per bedroom, but he could provide more information on the size and setup of their units to demonstrate that the units are truly not set up for large families.

Mr. Johansen stated that the Authority would continue discussion at the next meeting in December.

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS

Mr. Baril stated that there was a very informal meeting last month regarding a potential development between Nod Road and Nod Way for 106 units. Mr. Baril stated they have not submitted anything formally yet, but he does think they will move forward.

Mr. Roy inquired if the first plan fell apart for this development.

Mr. Baril stated that the firm they planned to use was Sunlight Development, but that company does not have the capacity to build the development at this time.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – None

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Johansen inquired any ongoing issues with Sunlight Construction.

Mr. Baril provided an update regarding the ongoing issues that will and/or could affect the AWPCA eventually.

Mr. Johansen congratulated Mr. Baum and Mr. Rousey on their recent elections and addressed the need to start looking for Mr. Rousey's replacement.

Mr. Baume stated he was here for the long haul.

Mr. Roy inquired about Timber Lane and Towpath.

Mr. Baril provided a brief update on the Timber Lane and Towpath projects.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS - None

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Roy, seconded by Ms. Monroe, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Johansen, Roy and Baume voted in favor.

Attest: Nicole Chambers, Clerk