Avon Water Pollution Control Authority October 12, 2023 – 5:30 PM Via GoToMeeting

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:35 p.m. via GoToMeeting by Vice Chairperson Chris Roy.

AWPCA – Roll Call:

Present: Chris Roy, Vice Chairperson

Micah Rousey Pam Monroe

Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting as drafted.

Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Roy and Rousey voted in favor.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

Audience in attendance:

Jared Davignon, 68 Stony Corners Circle, Todd Schliewen, 49 Stony Corners Circle, and KC Joseph, 120 Stony Corners Circle.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority move up agenda item 2023-2 Stony Corners – Sewer Extension before New Business.

Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Roy and Rousey voted in favor.

IV. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

2023-8 Request to Change Commercial Sewer Use Billing from July to April

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approve the request to change commercial sewer use billing from July to April.

Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Roy and Rousey voted in favor.

2023-9 Request to Change Commercial Condominium Billing to Per Unit

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approve the request to change commercial condominium billing to per unit.

Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Roy and Rousey voted in favor.

V. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

2023-2 Stony Corners – Sewer Extension

Mr. Baril stated that from the last meeting, the focus was generally on low pressure sewers as gravity sewers would be very expensive. Mr. Baril provided a summary of the 2023 Stony Corners Sewer Extension Survey provided in the meeting packet, as well as a summary of the ages of septic system leech fields in this neighborhood. Mr. Baril asked if the Authority wants to proceed with sewers for the project; if yes, then to select either gravity or low pressure sewers; the Engineering Department would move forward with design which would take approximately two months to get to full design and ready for bidding; and preliminary estimates continue to rise.

Mr. Davignon asked if we get to full design and becomes unfeasible will there still be costs associated with the street. Mr. Baril responded no; these costs are absorbed by the Engineering Department and the Sewer Fund; no costs to the residents. Mr. Davignon commented about the possibility of shelving the project for five years.

Ms. Monroe asked Mr. Baril if he feels strongly about one sewer system versus the other. Mr. Baril responded that the Town received a petition from residents interested in bringing sewers to the neighborhood several years ago; Winding Lane sewer project was built in anticipation of extending into this neighborhood; and this neighborhood ranks as very high in the 2007 Sewer Facilities Plan; it is a likely candidate for sewers. Mr. Baril is quite aware of the costs to residents. Mr. Baril shared the estimated cost for gravity sewers is \$1.5 million for entire neighborhood, including road paving; connection assessment would be approximately \$44,000, or \$37,000 with pumps; the estimated cost for low pressure sewers is \$500,000; connection assessment would be approximately \$14,000. Mr. Rousey asked if this is before the Authority now because residents want to get it done and worried their septic system will fail soon. Mr. Baril responded that survey results indicated that of the 29 residents who responded to proceed, 20-yes and 9-no.

Mr. Schliewen asked how much the pump chamber is. Mr. Baril responded approximately \$4,500-\$5,000 and hire a contractor to run the line from service connection point to tank and electrician to wire it together; the \$14,000 assessment mentioned earlier is the cost to put the main and related items in the street; all in, approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority authorize the Town Engineer to move forward with the Stony Corners sewer extension project using low-pressure sewers.

Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Roy and Rousey voted in favor.

Mr. Roy noted that Chairperson Johansen shared his opinion prior to the meeting, and he was in favor of this same discussion. Mr. Baril will have another update on this in January/February 2024.

VI. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS - None

VII. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF</u> – None

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Roy inquired about the projects on Timber Lane and Old Farms Road. Mr. Baril provided brief updates on both.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS - None

X. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

On a motion made by Ms. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Roy, it was voted: **RESOLVED:** That the Authority adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Ms. Monroe, Messrs: Roy and Rousey voted in favor.

Attest: Jennifer Worsman, Acting Clerk