

**Avon Water Pollution Control Authority
Public Information Meeting
March 16, 2023—7:00pm
Via GoToMeeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority Public Information Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm via GoToMeeting by Chairperson Johansen.

AWPCA – Roll Call:

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairperson
Tom Armstrong, Vice-Chairperson
Chris Roy
Micah Rousey
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

February 9, 2023

On a motion made by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Roy it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the February 9 meeting as drafted.
Messrs.: Johansen, Armstrong, Rousey, and Roy voted in favor.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

Mr. Charles Hebert of 10 Timber Lane; Mr. Paul Watson of 27 Timber Lane; Mr. Matthew Preston of 16 Timber Lane; Mr. Richard Sennett of 33 Timber Lane in attendance to discuss old business item 2021 – 8.

The Authority gave consensus to enter into a Public Information meeting at 7:04 p.m. to discuss item 2021-8.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2023 – 2 Stony Corners – Sewer Extension

Mr. Baril provided that Engineering began preparing a design for sewers at Stony Corners and Stony Corners Circle by performing field topographic surveys, review of Farmington Valley Health records, developing an AutoCAD design, and preparing a cost estimate. Mr. Baril stated of the 36 homes that would be served by the project, 28 appear to be able to connect by gravity and 8 will require pumps. The current pavement on these streets is in relatively good condition, resulting in the consideration to provide permanent pavement patching in accordance with Town regulations. Using average unit cost values received via the Timber Lane sewer bids, the estimated project cost would be approximately

\$1.5 Million. Mr. Baril stated that given the number of benefitting properties and the typical 15% assessment reduction for pumped connections, the benefit assessments would be approximately \$44,283 for gravity connections and \$37,640 for pumped connections. Mr. Baril reiterated that these estimates are based on the average of the unit costs received via the Timber Lane bids, which are not necessarily indicative of actual bids. Mr. Baril stated he was providing this information to the Authority to make a decision concerning this potential project in order to convey it to the residents as soon as possible. Mr. Johansen agreed the information needed to be provided to the residents.

The Authority gave consensus for Mr. Baril to provide information to the Stony Corners and Stony Corners Circle neighborhoods regarding the status item 2023 – 2.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2021 – 7 Benefit Assessments – Sub-dividable lots

The Authority agreed to continue discussion on item 2021 – 7

2021 – 8 Timber Lane – Sewers

Mr. Baril gave a presentation (which is attached and made part of these minutes). Mr. Paul Watson from 27 Timber Lane stated he would like to discuss where his connection would take place and asked if there was a recommendation for contractors. Mr. Baril agreed to provide a list of contractors that do most of the lateral connections in the Town of Avon but stated that he could not endorse any one over another. Mr. Charles Herbert from 10 Timber Lane asked if the driveway cut would be part of the pavement. Mr. Baril affirmed that every apron that is crossed will be repaved. Mr. Armstrong asked how many residents on the call were inclined to connect to the sewer if the project was approved. Mr. Richard Sennett from 33 Timber Lane does not plan to connect at the present time. Mr. Herbert stated he foresees connecting to the sewer in 1-2 years, if not right away. Mr. Watson commented that the cost of the lateral would influence his decision, but ultimately, he would like to connect to the sewer. Mr. Baril made the residents aware that in the past, the WPCA allowed for an assessment payback period of 10 years. Mr. Armstrong stated he would propose a motion for the Timber Lane residents to finance for a 10-year period at the rate assessed to the Town of Avon and would be willing to set a cap and exclude the 10% contingency. Mr. Herbert stated as a resident, he would vote in favor. Mr. Watson agreed the motion sounded favorable, but still concerned about the total cost. Mr. Preston stated he planned to connect. Mr. Sennett asked if the assessment cost stays with the owner or the property. Mr. Baril specified that the WPCA adopted a policy years ago that upon transfer of ownership, the entire assessment is due in full and does not transfer with the property.

The Authority agreed to close the Public Information portion of the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Roy it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority requests that Avon Town Council awards the Timber Lane sewer construction project to Jones Construction, LLC., in the amount of \$202,463.96. That the Authority cap the 10 Timber Lane residential assessments at \$22,024.25 for gravity connections and pump connections at \$18,720.61. That the Authority offer the Timber Lane residents a 10-year option to finance at the then prevailing bond rate of the Town of Avon at the time the assessment is levied.

Messrs.: Johansen, Armstrong, Rousey, and Roy voted in favor.

VI. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS

Mr. Baril provided that the Nod Road project was approved by the Wetlands Commission. The next step of the project will go to Planning & Zoning. If approved, the project will then be presented to the WPCA. Mr. Roy inquired if it was gravity to the station. Mr. Baril confirmed that to be the case. Mr. Armstrong recalled the Authority left an opening that the project may have to acquire capacity from Simsbury. Mr. Baril confirmed and stated that they are going to exceed the allocation that was planned for that site, continuing the conversation of holding funds in escrow until the time the Town of Avon needs additional capacity. Mr. Roy agreed the Authority would need to quantify the capacity.

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Mr. Baril stated that Keith Jones' seat on the commission needed to be filled and informed the Authority that Mr. Armstrong may also be moving out of Avon. Mr. Rousey stated that he thought Mr. Jones term ended in 2022 and reached out to his nominating committee for an appointee. Mr. Baril requested Mr. Rousey continue to follow-up with the committee.

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS -- None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS – None

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Authority agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.

Attest: Nicole Chambers, AWPCA Clerk