

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

November 8, 2018

Selectmen's Chambers, 5:30 p.m.

Town of Avon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Johansen.

AWPCA

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairman
Tom Armstrong, Vice Chairman
Chris Roy
Randall Bowers
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING –

MOTION: Mr. Johansen requested a motion for approval of the October 25, 2018 minutes which was made by Mr. Armstrong; unanimously approved.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. OLD BUSINESS –

2016 – 6; Sanitary Sewer Project for Winding Lane and Stony Corners

Mr. Baril informed the Authority that he intended to have all costs associated with the sanitary sewer project and the benefit assessment determination ready for December's AWPCA Meeting. Mr. Baril suggested if an agreement can be reached it would be appropriate to hold a Public meeting in January to inform residents of the upcoming benefit assessment; unanimously approved.

2017 – 5 Cost of Service Analysis – Revision

Mr. Baril began the discussion by introducing a cost of service re-analysis study the Town of Avon contracted through Raftelis Financial Consultants. Based on their study, Raftelis suggested an increase of the residential sewer-use rate from the current rate of \$500 to \$600 per EDU. Increasing the rate would allow the Town of Avon to continue funding Capital Projects as it has in the past without having to bond them. Mr. Baril suggested that the Authority take time to review the re-analysis and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Johansen suggested increasing the rate at the same time the Town of Avon implements a new water-use based fee structure. Mr. Johansen further suggested Avon take a proactive stance in regards to water conservation as a means for residents to have some control over how much they are billed and the potential to lower their costs. Mr. Baril was in favor of bringing these potential changes to the public as soon as possible with a public information meeting

and seeking residents input on the proposed changes. Mr. Armstrong was in favor of promoting water conservation along with the suggested changes in an effort to encourage residents to actively participate in lessening their fees and therefore reduce Avon's sanitary flow to Simsbury, Canton, and Farmington. Mr. Johansen thought it important to work through these suggestions to the best of the Authority's ability in an effort to make it as fair as possible and suggested that the Authority talk more on this topic at the next meeting; unanimously approved.

VI. PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS –

Mr. Armstrong stated there are no Planning & Zoning matters affecting the AWPCA.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF –

Mr. Baril mentioned he was approached by TML Builders who have an interest in developing and improving Avon Mills Apartments, regarding the Town of Avon's sanitary sewer connection fee. The developer hoped the Authority would consider ways in which to revisit the current rate with the intent of offering alternative means of payment or relief. Mr. Baril informed the Authority of payment options other towns were using such as sliding scales and payback periods during his research as well as their billing policies relative to sanitary sewer connection fees. Mr. Johansen determined that there was a lot to review and the Authority is prepared to look at the research, however, at this time they are unable to make a final decision; unanimously approved.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS –

Mr. Johansen suggested attendance via conference and/or phone calls for Authority members who are physically unable to attend a regularly scheduled meeting. Due to work related travel the Authority often has difficulties in raising a quorum. All members were in agreement and Mr. Baril offered to look into options available to the Authority. Mr. Johansen recommended appointing Mr. Armstrong as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Armstrong accepted the appointment; unanimously approved.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS – None

X. ADJOURNMENTS – Motion to adjourn AWPCA meeting made by Mr. Johansen, seconded Mr. Armstrong; received unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.