

**AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**January 12, 2017**  
**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 5:40 pm by Mr. Johansen.

**AWPCA**

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairman  
Terry Ryan, Vice Chairman  
Chris Roy  
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

Absent: Tom Armstrong  
Keith Jones

**II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – December 8, 2016**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ryan made a motion for approval of the November 10, 2016 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Roy, received unanimous approval.

**III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS –**

**2017 – 1** Approve Berta Lane Sewer into Sanitary Sewer Collection System  
Mr. Baril provided a map to members which illustrated the Berta Lane sewer project and its location at Old Farms Crossing.

**MOTION** Mr. Ryan made a motion to accept the sewer into the system. The motion, seconded by Mr. Roy, received unanimous approval.

**V. OLD BUSINESS -**

**2015 – 8** Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for School Street

**2016 – 8** Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for Paperchase Trail South

**2015 – 1** Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for Winding Lane and Portion of Stony Corners

Mr. Baril mentioned he is waiting to receive digital specifications before putting the School Street low pressure sewer project out to bid. The design is done. Mr. Baril replied to Mr. Johansen's question noting bids are due three weeks after the bids are out. Mr. Baril noted the bids for Paperchase and Winding Lane/Stony Corners went out last Friday and are due to return by the end of January. It's possible to have one, maybe two public information meetings in February with anticipation of the Town Council approving the recommended contractor at their March meeting. It's possible to have construction begin in April or May. Mr. Baril reviewed the approval process he follows when providing information to Town Council noting he typically attends the Town Council meeting should the members have any questions. Mr. Johansen raised the question about how an assessed value is placed on sewer projects. He referenced the statute associated with assessments. Mr. Baril provided feedback on his conversation with Murtha Cullina who reiterated that the assessed value cannot be more than the presumed value added. Mr. Baril noted the Town assesses based on the costs and all the costs related. Discussion continued regarding the topic of perceived value added and how sewer assessments should be calculated. Mr. Johansen recommended for Mr. Baril to discuss

the subject with the Town of Avon's Assessor. He further noted that an aging septic system is an issue when selling a house.

Following members discussion regarding the duty of the Avon Water Pollution Authority, Mr. Baril shared his background regarding the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management (OPM), does a state plan of conservation and development (POCD). Their task is to try and manage growth across the entire state. An item within the plan is how the State mandates certain areas within a town that it is targeted for on-site septic systems only. Should a Town go against such a mandate POCD by allowing installing sewers into those areas, the Town is thereby promoting more dense development which increases traffic growth which jeopardizes state funding, (for example grant applications such as local road grant monies, clean water fund money, etc). The area south of Old Farms Road (owned by Avon Old Farms School) has been identified as an area for on-site septic systems. Mr. Baril provided further specifics regarding the State's POCD for Avon offering possible scenario should the Town develop such an area for sewers (losing grant money) or construct a cluster development with sewers to include open space, that is consistent with the POCD. Mr. Baril further noted the zoning can change dramatically based on if sewers are in a certain area.

**2016 – 4** Potential Sewer Connection Charge Increase  
Tabled for the next meeting

## **VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None**

**VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF –** Mr. Baril mentioned there is a potential that Tow Path condos will connect to the Town sewer as there have been telephone calls to the Engineering Department from the Management Company and the consulting engineer inquiring about project specifics. Mr. Baril replied to Mr. Roy's question noting the planned sewer route would go down Industrial Drive and provided a map for further illustration. Mr. Baril also noted the Town is working with Murtha Cullina to better solidify what the Town's obligations are relative to the plant upgrade and to re-write the intermunicipal agreement with Farmington. A letter from the Town of Avon is scheduled to be sent to the Town of Farmington regarding this subject. Mr. Baril provided an update regarding the easement for 30 Paperchase Trail. He met with the homeowner to review the easement agreements. Members discussed the number of parcels to use in the assessment calculation.

## **VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – None**

**IX OTHER BUSINESS –** Mr. Johansen inquired about an update on the cost of service analysis proposal. Mr. Baril replied he is waiting to hear from his contacts regarding additional consultants to consider in order to meet the Town's purchasing protocol. Mr. Baril noted that he anticipates having additional consultant recommendations within the next month. The timing of the completed analysis was discussed and whether this will be completed in time to address the potential increase for sewer use fees and sewer connection charge. Mr. Baril noted that there may be two meetings in February regarding the two sewer projects that are currently out to bid.

## **X ADJOURNMENT –**

**MOTION:** Mr. Roy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Essex, Clerk