

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
July 13, 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 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Johansen.

AWPCA

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairman
Tom Armstrong
Chris Roy
Keith Jones
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
Tim Foster, Superintendent of Sanitary Sewers

Absent: Terry Ryan, Vice Chairman

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – June 8, 2017

MOTION: Mr. Roy made a motion for approval of the June 8, 2017 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – Mr. Grant Hagedorn of 64 School Street mentioned he was in attendance regarding an agenda item under Old Business. Mr. Johansen recommended that particular agenda item can be moved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

2017 – 6 Sanitary Sewer Project for portions of Winding Lane and Stony Corners South

Mr. Baril noted they are in the middle of construction and the construction schedule shows a completion date of mid-August.

2017 – 7 Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for Winding Lane and Stony Corners North

There is a bid going out on Friday, July 14. Mr. Baril responded to Mr. Johansen's question that there was one change order which pushes the project into the prevailing wage limit. The scope of the project will be reduced. A \$15,000 scope reduction will be done by eliminating storm drainage. Mr. Baril replied to Mr. Johansen's question noting the storm drainage is part of the easement so it's not part of the paving.

2017 – 8 Approve AWPCA Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2018

Ms. Essex notified the members their packets included a potential schedule for 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Roy made a motion for approval of the meeting schedule. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS -

2015 – 8 Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for School Street – Mr. Baril noted the project is going out to bid on Friday, July 14. The bid date is August 10 and noted there is not an AWPCA meeting planned for August and would like to suggest the Board meet between August 10 and September 7 (the next Town Council Meeting) so the Board can hold the public information meeting on the project and potentially adopt a contractor and also request Town Council to enter into contract for the project. Mr. Baril noted a public hearing was already conducted but there will be a public information meeting to discuss the bids received and the likely assessments. Action will be taken at the meeting which will require a quorum. Mr. Hagedorn of 64 School Street noted he will pass along the information to his neighbors such as the bids are due to return on August 10 and the information session is scheduled for August 17. Mr. Johansen inquired about the construction schedule. Mr. Baril noted a potential construction start could be September or October. There is 1,200 feet of low pressure sewer about four feet in the ground. Mr. Baril learned from two contractors the project could last from two to four weeks. Mr. Baril replied to Mr. Hagedorn's question noting there will be temporary pavement. There are two planned road projects for the same area. The final pavement will happen next year. Mr. Hagedorn replied to Mr. Baril's question that he is in favor of the project. Mr. Hagedorn expressed appreciation to the Board.

Mr. Foster noted there are three existing connections on School Street. Mr. Johansen acknowledged Mr. Foster's comment and suggested sending a letter to the residents to invite them in for a discussion. Mr. Baril reviewed the facts for each of the connections and noted the Board will need to make a decision on how to address the situation for each connection.

The Town Attorney, Joseph Schwartz, arrived.

2015 – 6 Research on Low Pressure Sewer Systems – Mr. Armstrong confirmed with Mr. Baril that he received his draft and Mr. Baril acknowledged he did receive the draft and made edits. Mr. Armstrong suggested Mr. Schwartz review the document also. Mr. Schwartz inquired whether they are modeled after any other town. Mr. Armstrong replied that there are very few out there but he picked and chose what is needed. The overall concept is what needs to be there is there but leaves a lot of discretion to staff because Mr. Armstrong believes the low pressure systems are going to change in terms of specifications. The specification as to whether or not it is a 75 or 150 gallon holding tank, the type of systems that are good, etc. are kind of to be decided. The thought is that School Street is going to be a test round for maybe doing the 'draft/Staff rule' and less than a regulation. Mr. Baril offered the word 'policy'. Mr. Armstrong noted the draft is only about two to three pages. Mr. Johansen noted a shut off valve is a good idea based on a situation he is aware of where a 1,000 house system did not have individual shut off valves. When worked needed to be done on one house, the entire system had to shut down. Mr. Armstrong noted he believes the regulation provides for emergency generators but does not require emergency generators.

2017 – 5 Cost of Service Analysis – Mr. Baril noted the members received the data request from Raftelis. Mr. Baril met with the Town Finance Department who provided information for items 1, 2, 3 and 5. Town staff will collect the remaining items requested. Mr. Armstrong mentioned to Mr. Baril earlier that rather than giving 5 years of profit/loss statements from the Town, Mr. Armstrong recommends offering the bond rating.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – Mr. Armstrong noted there is a pending application for the industrial park area. Mr. Baril provided more information noting the location is on Sandscreen and the request is for a brewery. More information regarding water use will be done. There are other applications pending such as a restaurant at 221 West Main Street.

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril noted he met with the developer of Stratford Crossing subdivision and noted the only way he can sewer that area is through low pressure. Mr. Baril noted the regulations will come into play with this. Mr. Johansen inquired whether there's an opportunity for septic. Mr. Baril noted there are wetlands in the area and the soil types are tight. If septic is used, the lots may go from 9 to 4. Mr. Foster added that although there's not a map to show, the other part of the opportunity of maybe putting in a future line that parallels his line that could service the Oxbow/Woodhaven area which is projected for low pressure also, which is high on the list. Mr. Foster noted that the only way to service Oxbow/Woodhaven is to construct gravity by going down Country Club Road which would be very expensive. Mr. Baril noted the developer should come into the September 14 meeting to present his request. Mr. Baril replied to Mr. Armstrong's question regarding the timing of his application with Planning and Zoning and the AWPCA. Mr. Johansen commented on the mission of the AWPCA regarding a buildable lot and asked the question whether it's better to have sewers or septic and whether economics should be a factor in the decision. Mr. Baril commented the question in hand is whether the AWPCA will allow low pressure sewers for new construction (regardless of the number of lots).

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – None

IX OTHER BUSINESS – Executive Session: Pending Claim

MOTION At approximately 6:09 pm, Mr. Armstrong made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending claim and questions with legal obligations with regard to benefit assessments. The motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, received unanimous approval.

X ADJOURNMENT –

MOTION: Mr. Johansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Roy, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk