

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
December 8, 2016
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 pm by Mr. Ryan.

AWPCA

Present: Terry Ryan, Vice Chairman
Tom Armstrong
Chris Roy
Keith Jones
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
Absent: Eric Johansen, Chairman

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – November 10, 2016

MOTION: Mr. Armstrong 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 – Mr. Tim Archer of 20 Berta Lane attended the meeting based on the agenda item for Jackson Street/Sylvan. Mr. Ryan noted the project is in the preliminary stages. Mr. Baril added that the developer has met with Town Staff regarding the sewer route and the ultimate decision will be made from the AWPCA. Mr. Foster noted the route will not go through Berta Lane and the developer has two options, which he is aware of.

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

2016 – 12 Approve Weatherstone Phases 3A and 3B Sanitary Sewers into Sanitary Sewer Collection System

Mr. Foster indicated the phases to approve are 3A, 3B and 3C. Mr. Baril noted the system was tested and is ready to be approved.

MOTION Mr. Armstrong made a motion that Weatherstone Phases 3A, 3B and 3C be approved for acceptance by the AWPCA. The motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, received unanimous approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS -

2015 – 8 Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for School Street – *Mr. Baril's following update pertains to two additional agenda items, 2016-8 and 2015-1.*

Mr. Baril noted these projects will go out to bid at the end of December or early January. The projects will be bid by unit basis rather than lump sum. Mr. Baril provided additional contract specifics in response to members' questions such as bidding the project by unit, segmenting the contract, the potential scenario of removing a task and its possible affect on the bid price.

2016 – 4 Potential Sewer Connection Charge Increase

Mr. Baril noted the proposal he received from Raftelis Financial Consultants (RFC) for a Sewer Financial Planning & Rate Study (cost of service analysis), which included an overview of RFC, their approach to the project, scope of work and proposed price and work plan. Mr. Ryan reviewed the need for such a study noting it's important to have additional information to

determine whether the Town is charging the correct amount. Mr. Baril encouraged members to read the proposal and continue discussion for the next meeting. Mr. Jones inquired whether more than one firm should be contacted. Mr. Baril responded stating if the Town hires three sets of consultants, the Town will receive three sets of numbers.

2016 – 8 Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for Paperchase Trail
South
Please see agenda item 2015 - 8

2015 – 1 Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for Winding Lane and
Portion of Stony Corners
Please see agenda item 2015 - 8

2016 – 10 Potential Sanitary Sewer Extension for Jackson
Street/Sylvan Street
Agenda item tabled for next meeting

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – Mr. Baril noted excavation has begun for Avon Village Center and noted the Town contacted the developer regarding obtaining fill for various Town projects.

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – None

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Armstrong noted the draft ordinance for low pressure sewer systems he prepared for members' comments. He reviewed the document noting the proposed ordinance is for those residents who already have a private sewer system. Mr. Jones inquired why the proposal does not include new residents. Mr. Armstrong responded noting the benefits of gravity sewers vs. going low pressure in the road which may increase costs. Mr. Roy added that using low pressure is less expensive for a builder and explained how a mechanical system has potential problems. Review of the draft ordinance continued and Mr. Armstrong noted edits will be made based on members' comments. He added that once the document is final, a public hearing will be scheduled. Mr. Baril provided feedback about his conversation with Murtha Cullina regarding updating the AWPCA manual, which includes the regulations. The public hearing will include the updated manual.

Mr. Ryan provided positive comments on the Rt. 44 pump station improvements which included tree planting.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT –

MOTION: Mr. Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Roy, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk