

**AVON TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting by Chairperson Maguire. Members present: Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Speich, Polhamus, and Weber. A quorum was present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Maguire.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

20/21-04 Fisher Meadows Lease (Sub Edge Farm)

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Maguire. Chairperson Maguire waived the reading of the following legal notice:

“TOWN OF AVON
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Avon, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Avon Town Hall, Selectman’s Chamber, 60 West Main Street, Avon, CT, or virtually, to consider the following:

The lease of portions of Fisher Farm located on the east and west sides of Tillotson Road to Rodger and Isabelle Phillips (the “Lessee”), each individuals having an address at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, Connecticut

A copy of the proposed lease is on file on the Avon Town Clerk’s Office and open to the public for inspection during normal business hours.

Dated at Avon, Connecticut this 31st day of July, 2020.

Brandon L. Robertson, Town Manager”

Chairperson Maguire noted that the Phillips have been running Sub Edge Farm for seven years; they have done so much for the community and this is a great opportunity for them to expand and continue to do great things for our Town. Mr. Speich commented that he loves the farm, it is a great asset to both Avon and Farmington and appreciates everything they do. Rodger Phillips commented that they are grateful and excited to have accomplished what they have over the past seven seasons and much of it has been through cooperation and partnership with the Town; we are stewards and know how important it is as a community asset; last year we grew one million pounds of organic produce, most of which stayed in Avon; they are proud of that and excited about what comes next. In response to a question from Mr. Speich, Mr. Phillips responded that it was a banner year for CSA with people staying home and cooking. Chairperson Maguire thanked Mr. Phillips for all they are doing.

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Polhamus, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council close the public hearing.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Speich, and Weber voted in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Bernetich, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve the lease of portions of Fisher Farm located on the east and west sides of Tillotson Road to Rodger and Isabelle Phillips (the “Lessee”), each individuals having an address at 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington Connecticut.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Speich, and Weber voted in favor.

Chairperson Maguire acknowledged the Logue family who had great stewardship of the property over the last number of years; tragically Dan Logue passed away suddenly and his nephew was taking care of the land. She knows this land will continue to be in great hands with the Phillips.

20/21-05 False Alarm Fee Ordinance

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To consider and permit all interested persons to speak on the plan of the Town Council to amend and restate Town Ordinance Chapter 15 – Emergency Services. The recommended changes will be to Sections 15-21 through 15-26.

A copy of the proposed amendments is on file on the Avon Town Clerk’s Office and open to the public for inspection during normal business hours.

Dated at Avon, Connecticut this 31st day of July, 2020.

Brandon L. Robertson, Town Manager”

Mr. Speich commented that the Avon Volunteer Fire Department would be in favor of this ordinance; it is important to put a little more pressure on chronic false alarms. Chairperson Maguire agreed with the importance. In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Jim Rio, Director of Police Services, responded that the billing cycle runs from July 1 to June 30; the first three false alarms are free, fines start with the fourth false alarm, and it resets every July 1st.

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Polhamus, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council close the public hearing.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Speich, and Weber voted in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Bernetich, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve the proposal to amend and restate Town Ordinance Chapter 15 – Emergency Services. The recommended changes will be to Sections 15-21 through 15-26.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Speich, and Weber voted in favor.

20/21-08 Acceptance of Easements: Old Wheeler Lane Bridge (Local Bridge No. 05850)

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Maguire. Chairperson Maguire waived the reading of the following legal notice:

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To accept full and perpetual easements from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation as acquired from O.W.E. Association Inc., map number 16/01, Avon Land Trust, Inc., map number 16/02 and Eric D. Snyder, map number 16/03 and recorded in the Avon Land Records.

Copies of the said maps are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and open for the public inspection during normal business hours.

Dated at Avon, Connecticut this 31st day of July, 2020.

Brandon L. Robertson
Town Manager”

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council close the public hearing.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Speich, and Weber voted in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Polhamus, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve the acceptance of full and perpetual easements from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation as acquired from O.W.E. Association Inc., map number 16/01, Avon Land Trust, Inc., map number 16/02 and Eric D. Snyder, map number 16/03 and recorded in the Avon Land Records.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Weber, and Speich voted in favor.

20/21-09 Grant Easement: Connecticut Water Company (Avon Village Center)

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All that certain piece or parcel of land, situated in the Town of Avon, State of Connecticut identified as “Easement Area #3 To Be Conveyed To Connecticut Water Company Across Property Owned By The Town of Avon Area = 2,048 Sq. Ft.” on map entitled “Easement Survey, Easements to be released by The Connecticut Water Company And Easements to be Conveyed to The Connecticut Water Company across The Property of Avon Town Center, LLC & The Town of Avon, 55 Bickford Drive, 21 Ensign Drive, Climax Road & Climate Heights, Avon, Connecticut, Scale 1” = 40’ Project: 105-86” prepared by Godfrey Hoffman Hodge, LLC and dated December 3, 2019.

Copy of said map is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and open to the public for inspection during normal business hours.

Dated at Avon, Connecticut this 31st day of July, 2020.

Brandon L. Robertson
Town Manager”

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council close the public hearing.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Polhamus, Speich, and Weber voted in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve the acceptance of all that certain piece or parcel of land, situated in the Town of Avon, State of Connecticut identified as “Easement Area #3 To Be Conveyed To Connecticut Water Company Across Property Owned By The Town of Avon Area = 2,048 Sq. Ft.” on map entitled “Easement Survey, Easements to be released by The Connecticut Water Company And Easements to be Conveyed to The Connecticut Water Company across The Property of Avon Town Center, LLC & The Town of Avon, 55 Bickford Drive, 21 Ensign Drive, Climax Road & Climate Heights, Avon, Connecticut, Scale 1” = 40’ Project: 105-86” prepared by Godfrey Hoffman Hodge, LLC and dated December 3, 2019.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Weber, Speich, Polhamus, and Bernetich voted in favor.

IV. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS: July 30, 2020 Meeting

One correction was made as follows:

On page 14, correct a spelling error for the last name provided for an Eagle Scout’s last name to Daniel Patrick O’Brien.

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mr. Bernetich, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council accept the minutes of the July 30, 2020 Meeting as amended.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Speich, Polhamus, Bernetich, and Weber voted in favor.

V. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE - None

VI. COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Bernetich thanked Public Works and the Town for their work through the pandemic; noted that the Police Department has responded to over 3,000 calls during the pandemic and thanked them for doing their jobs no different than before and putting their lives on the line; the Police Accountability Bill from the State of Connecticut is a horrible idea and he supports the Police Department and everything that they do and we are going to end up with a lot less good quality officers after retirements if the Bill doesn’t get changed. He thanked the Fire Department who had two significant structure fires including firefighter injuries, as well as brush fires; they are volunteers and first in line to meet with the public; they responded to over seventy-five calls during Storm Isaias.

Mr. Weber thanked the Town Manager and Public Works for the Town’s response during Storm Isaias; much of the delay and blame for reopening the roads and restoring electricity and cable falls upon Eversource and frustration and exasperation was felt by everyone in Avon; he hopes

PURA will find a way to ensure that the lack of communication and action from Eversource is minimized for the next large storm or outage; he thanked those at the transfer station for opening the back lot for brush collection as many residents used it and were grateful for the chance to clear their yard; he thanked Town staff who worked throughout the storm to provide the best service we could for Avon. He commented on the July 30th presentation by Julia Gordon; the 13-year old is representative of the future of Avon and we should be proud; her proposal for a rainbow crosswalk was well prepared and thought out and although the uniform code of traffic devices prohibits the modification of public roads he will go a long way in supporting Ms. Gordon's vision, if we could look beyond past precedent and find a location to make this happen; there are many in this community who would feel a sense of pride in seeing this get done. He noted that Animal Control Officer LaPlume continues to patrol for off leash dogs at Fisher Meadows; he proposes that the Town look into creating a space in the Fisher Meadow complex where dog owners can take their dogs off leash in a controlled and managed area, aka a dog park, as previously mentioned by Mr. Bernetich. He wished good luck to all teachers and students in Town during this school year. Chairperson Maguire agreed that a dog park is something that we all want and need to find a way to make it happen. She noted that the topic of off leash dogs at Fisher Meadows went to a referendum sometime ago and did not pass, but we should look at the dog park idea. Chairperson Maguire noted that Ms. Gordon's presentation was amazing and hopefully we can find something that will serve the purpose, but we have to be careful about how we use our Town property.

Mr. Polhamus echoed thanks regarding the pandemic and particularly firefighters and police officers who put their lives in danger; there is no shortage of appreciation from him and all of the community; Public Works has done a great job keeping public recreation areas clear as they get tons of use and maybe during the next budget season we could look at park improvements; he participated in the racism workshop and noted the community involvement coming from it including several possible groups to discuss what can be done to improve Avon in that sense.

Ms. Speich thanked the teachers and the Board of Education; it has been a difficult time to get everybody back to school; a lot of work for teachers, staff, and the entire infrastructure of the education system; hope all goes well. He noted the recent car break-ins and asked Mr. Rio to bring them up-to-date on what the Police Department is doing from a proactive standpoint of trying to solve the crime. He inquired when the Library may open again. He would like to push having an October Council meeting where Council is one room at a social distance; it is important. Chairperson Maguire agreed about meeting in a social distant way and asked the Town Manager to look into it.

Chairperson Maguire echoed thanks to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works during one of the toughest times from car parades to water cooling stations, a real presence in the community holding it all together. She asked residents to lock your cars. She has been attending Bike Walk Avon monthly virtual meetings and asked all to complete the survey out there. She noted that summer camp activities went well and the pool was a success. She commented that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are to be commended, dealing with so many challenges for our educators, and thanked everyone and wished them luck through the year. She reported that tomorrow is the Town's Director of Finance Peg Colligan's last day after thirty-eight years, she is retiring but has offered to return and help us through the budget season; she has always been a steadfast and calm person and will be sorely missed but we wish her luck in her retirement.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

16/17-51 Town and Public Safety Communications System Replacement Project (Town Wide Radio System)

Chairperson Maguire reported that this item was approved at Referendum in 2018; we ran into a glitch in Canton where the Kingswood Drive tower site was met with a lot of opposition; we need to get our system fixed. She recognized Town staff has been working tirelessly on this. The Town Manager and Tom Kline, Assistant Chief-Avon Volunteer Fire Department, gave a brief presentation (which is attached and made part of these minutes). The Town Manager recognized John Zematis and Tom Kline who have put a lot of time into this. Mr. Kline noted that radio audio with the current coverage only comes into one of the three sites. The Town Manager noted alternative sites that were reviewed and two preferred options with the three site solution being recommended.

In response to a question from Mr. Bernetich, Mr. Kline responded that the tower behind St. Matthew's Church is not designed to support external antennas which are required for our radio system. In response to a question from Chairperson Maguire, Mr. Kline responded that Motorola modeled the height of the tower at the Landfill at approximately 125' and the additional height is the length of the antenna; we could go higher, but not sure the signal would make over the ridge line; we could use an in-building repeater on the outside of Roaring Brook School and smaller antennas inside the building. The Town Manager reported that we will need to go to referendum for a scope change; first, we need to talk to SBA and push along the permitting process as far as we can with them.

In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Mr. Kline responded that the Town is given two State radios and last fall we did tests with the State system and worked on street but in-building coverage was pretty useless. He added that we will use the State's core and Avon's system will be a sub-system of the State; it provides benefits technically and managerially. He noted that the State will not maintain our system. In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Mr. Kline explained interior building scenarios for single family, schools, and commercial structures of which our system would be designed for; the system would encompass all Town departments. In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Mr. Kline responded that Roaring Brook School is our critical structure.

Mr. Speich commented that we must cover Roaring Brook School and residence in that area; we should work with the State. He would like to see the cost close to where we were. Mr. Polhamus clarified that with the three site solution we will be able to get Roaring Brook School to 100% coverage including residences in the area. Chairperson Maguire recommended reaching out to the abutters. Mr. Weber commented that as we move forward to be conscious about the bonding process and not have another situation like what happened in Canton, which has been a concern for residents. The Town Manager added that a public hearing may need to run concurrent with the bond process locally because of the lease involved; the Siting Council only has full jurisdiction from a regulatory perspective. Council gave consensus to move ahead and work towards a three site solution.

19/20-37 Appointment: Building Code Board of Appeals (D – 12/31/2023)

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoint Chibuzo Obi as a regular member to the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy with a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Speich, Weber, Polhamus, and Bernetich voted in favor.

20/21-02 Lights at AHS Synthetic Turf Field and Track

Council gave consensus to continue the path discussed last month and request pricing from Musco through the cooperative contract. Mr. Bernetich commented that given the current financial situation with the pandemic it might make sense to pause. Chairperson Maguire commented that regarding buffering we will look at completing the work in-house and involve the residents to accomplish this.

20/21-07 Review, Discussion, Set Public Hearing: Fire Fighter Tax Abatement

Mr. Speich and Mr. Bernetich recused themselves from discussion regarding this item as they are members of the Avon Volunteer Fire Department.

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Polhamus, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council set a public hearing to be held at their October 1, 2020 meeting to consider and permit all interested persons to speak on the plan of the Town Council to amend and restate Town Ordinance Chapter 55, "Taxation." The recommended changes will be to Section 55-34.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus and Weber voted in favor. Speich and Bernetich abstained.

Michael Galliher, President, Avon Volunteer Fire Department, commented that they are strongly in favor of this abatement; members are motivated by this consideration. Mr. Kline commented that it is a good recruitment and retention tool. Jamie DiPace, Town Council Representative for the Avon Volunteer Fire Department, commented that this is a statewide program that the State Firemen's Association pushed legislatively and passed a few years ago.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

20/21-17 Police Accountability Act

Jim Rio, Director of Police Services, provided an overview of Police Accountability Bill (HB 6004). In response to a question from Mr. Speich, Mr. Rio responded that the cost for video storage on our own server is approximately \$54,000. In response to a question from Mr. Speich, Mr. Rio responded that the Town Council has to pass an ordinance to create a Civilian Review Board. Mr. Rio does not think that Avon needs one; CALEA sanctions internal investigations when a complaint is received and we have internal procedures. In response to a question from Mr. Polhamus, Mr. Rio responded that a Civilian Review Boards typically consists of citizen volunteers. In response to a question from Chairperson Maguire, Mr. Rio responded that he would recommend a regional approach regarding social workers. Mr. Weber thanked Mr. Rio for his clarify, candor, and professionalism in going through this Bill with us; he appreciates it. In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Mr. Rio responded that it is not considered under policy

a use of force when pulling out a firearm; there is no current incident tracking mechanism. Mr. Rio clarified that pulling a firearm on a person is not going to appear on a use of force report. In response to a question from Mr. Weber commented that \$250,000 to have as many officers and patrol cars outfitted with cameras is a small price to pay for the investment of protection for the Town and for the officers. Mr. Rio responded that it can be used as an instructional and training tool. Chairperson Maguire thanked Mr. Rio for his presentation; it was very helpful; please provide updates as necessary.

20/21-18 Storm Isaias (Emergency Management)

Chairperson Maguire commented that almost the whole Town was out of power, as well as the State. The Town Manager and Jamie DiPace, Emergency Management Director, worked with Eversource to get information on power restoration statuses. She thanked them for getting us through the storm. She noted that the Landfill accepted storm debris. She shared concern regarding elderly housing being without power. She added that we may want to evaluate aging trees around Town. She noted that there were great heroic acts by Public Works, the Avon Volunteer Fire Department, and the Police Department. The Town Manager reported that the Town has an Emergency Operations Plan, however every incident is different and has unanticipated challenges. He noted that with this storm the real challenge was the lack of communication and good information coming out of Eversource; historically they were pretty good with updates and helped us to plan. Mr. DiPace reported that this storm was different because it took out the whole State; communication from Eversource was terrible and noted that our liaison was newer. He noted that our Town departments came together. He added that roads were blocked and nobody could go anywhere; it was a bad storm. He noted that 80% of the Town has public water; Route 44 was dark for two days; the Fire Department ran over 100 calls over six days, many were carbon monoxide calls with generator usage; we need to educate residents, to be prepared, and to receive Town emergency alerts. Mr. Polhamus expressed thanks. He inquired about the Avon High School generator which was down. Mr. DiPace responded that the system was repaired two days later; the Board of Education oversees the maintenance for this equipment. Mr. Polhamus recommended adding the inspection of this generator to the Emergency Operations Plan. He commented that it would be great to get everyone to receive CT Alert and Town notifications/alerts. The Assistant Town Manager commented that we will be including an article in the October newsletter regarding signing up for those alerts and a flyer has been created to include in the new resident welcome packets. In response to a question from Mr. Weber, Mr. DiPace responded that we do not have a count on how many are enrolled in CT Alert. Mr. Weber thanked all for their hard work with the storm. Mr. Speich recommended including an article in the October newsletter on generator safety and/or hosting a Library program. Mr. DiPace responded that the Fire Department, Police Department, and Fire Marshal's Office have Facebook pages that can advertise these safety measures. In response to a question from Mr. Speich, Mr. DiPace responded that convalescent homes have generators, but one of them had a failure. Chairperson Maguire noted the amazing job done, expressed thanks, and we should look at this going forward. Mr. DiPace added that public education is a big part of it too.

20/21-19 Approval of Real Estate Tax Refunds, \$14,097.17

On a motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Bernetich, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve real estate tax refunds to the following: Chester P Jr and Pamela B Beach \$2,824.47; Janice L Deflorio \$3,380.48; Attorney Paul Keily \$5,315.98; and David J and Patricia A Martin \$2,576.24.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Speich, Weber, Bernetich, and Polhamus voted in favor.

20/21-20 Approval of Personal Property Tax Refund, \$1,340.68

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approve a personal property tax refund to Garden of Light Natural Foods, Inc. in the amount of \$1,340.68.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Bernetich, Weber, and Speich voted in favor.

20/21-21 Resignation: Avon Clean Energy Commission (R – 12/31/2021)

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Polhamus, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council accept with regret the resignation of Raj Subbu from the Avon Clean Energy Commission.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Polhamus, Speich, Weber, and Bernetich voted in favor.

20/21-22 Appointment: Committee on Aging (R – 12/31/2021)

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Bernetich, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council table agenda item 20/21-22 Appointment: Committee on Aging (R – 12/31/2021) to the October 1, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Weber, Polhamus, and Speich voted in favor.

20/21-23 Appointment: Youth Services Advisory Board (12/31/2021)

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council table agenda item 20/21-23 Appointment: Youth Services Advisory Board (12/31/2021) to the October 1, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Weber, Polhamus, and Speich voted in favor.

20/21-24 Appointment: Central Regional Tourism District (12/31/2021)

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Polhamus, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council table agenda item 20/21-24 Appointment: Central Regional Tourism District (12/31/2021) to the October 1, 2020 meeting.

Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Weber, Speich, and Polhamus voted in favor.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/MISCELLANEOUS

Misc. A: Purchasing Update: The Town Manager noted that the rescue truck will be delivered later this month.

Misc. B: Construction Update: The Town Manager noted that regarding the Old Farms Road Project, we have applied for a \$3 million grant for the east-west portion. Mr. Weber inquired about

a grand opening or formal name dedication for Old Farms Road Bridge. The Town Manager responded that he will have the contractor, a State representative, and the Town Engineer provide a capstone to Council at an upcoming meeting.

Misc. C: Sustainable CT Update: The Town Manager noted that the Assistant Town Manager has filed an application.

Misc. D: Presidential Election-Absentee Ballots: The Town Manager reported that we have hired eight absentee ballot clerks to mail out ballots; in a normal presidential election we might process 1,200 absentee ballots; we could be processing up to 12,000 ballots this year; it will cost approximately \$44,000 to accomplish this; we expect to receive reimbursement from the Secretary of the State's Office, however the dollar value is unknown. Mr. Speich clarified that polling locations will be open for voting on Election Day.

Misc. E: Director of Finance Recruitment: The Town Manager noted that interviews for this position are in process. He added that Peg Colligan will be helping us part-time.

Misc. F: Director of Police Services: The Town Manager reported that this position is a temporary appointment; now is not the time to recruit a Police Chief; he will discuss with Jim Rio his future plans.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Estate/Land Acquisition

On a motion made by Mr. Speich, seconded by Mr. Weber, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council enter into Executive Session at 10:24 p.m.
Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Speich, Polhamus, and Weber voted in favor.

The Town Manager, the Assistant Town Manager, and Clerk attended the session.

XI. ADJOURN

On a motion made by Mr. Polhamus, seconded by Mr. Bernetich, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.
Mrs. Maguire, Messrs: Bernetich, Speich, Polhamus, and Weber voted in favor.

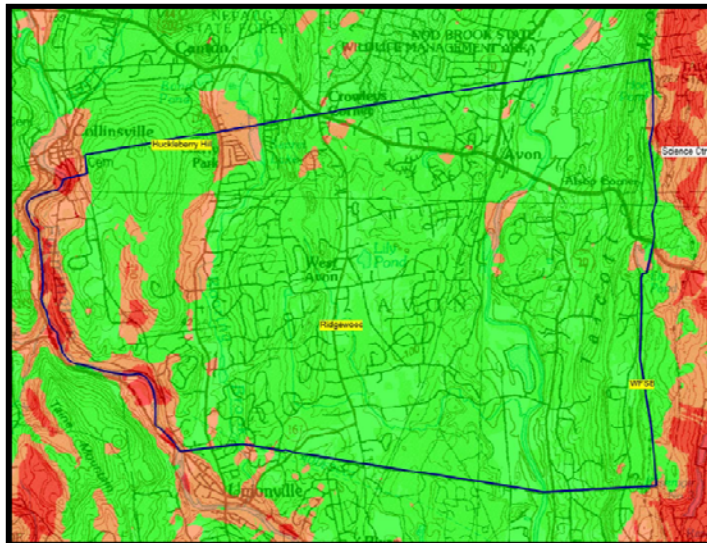
Attest: Jennifer Worsman, Clerk

The Town & Public Safety Communication System Replacement Project

Update for Town Council

September 3, 2020

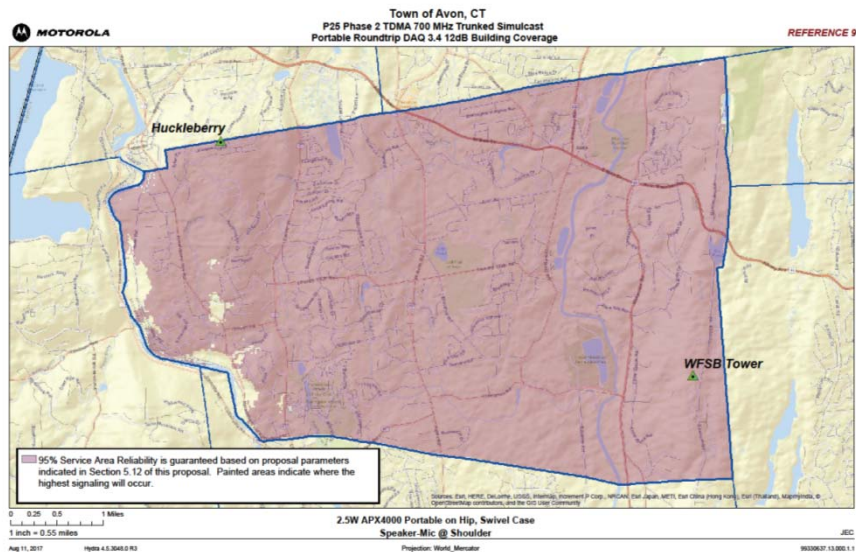
Existing System – Talk-Out 12 dB In-Building Coverage



Original Proposed Design

- Two site design –
 - New equipment on existing WFSB tower (Deercliff Road).
 - New 170 foot tower on existing CT water site (Kingswood Road).
- Best design in terms of system coverage.
 - Able to propagate highly reliable signals across Avon's ridgelines.
- Town of Canton denied request for taller Kingswood tower.

Original Proposed Design – Round-trip 12dB In-Building Coverage



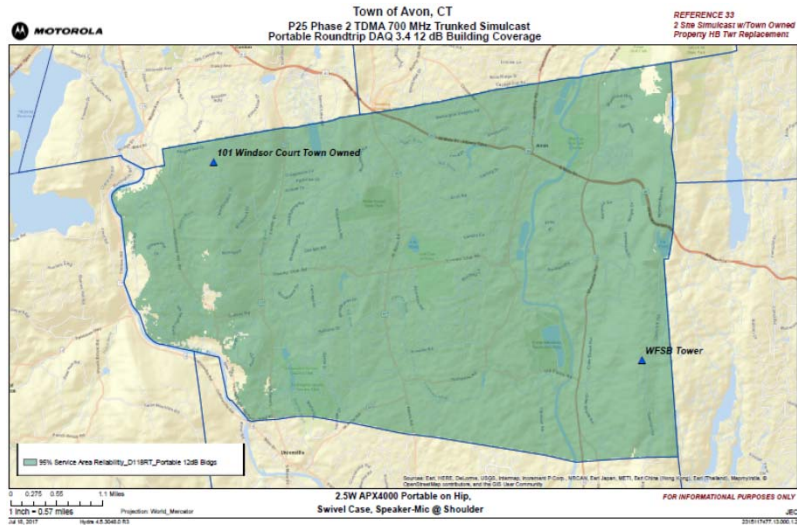
Alternative Sites Reviewed

1. Sites currently utilized by Town
 - Ridgewood Road
2. Existing sites not currently utilized by Town
 - Lovely Street (St. Matthew Church)
 - Huckleberry Hill (Transfer Station)
 - Farmington Woods
3. New or “green field” sites
 - Foundland
 - Roaring Brook School

Two Preferred Options

1. Two site solution:
 - Deercliff Road (WFSB)
 - Windsor Court (Foundland)
2. Three site solution:
 - Deercliff Road (WFSB)
 - Ridgewood Road (CT Water)
 - Huckleberry Hill (Transfer Station)

Two Site Solution – Round-trip 12dB In-Building Coverage



Two Site Solution

Foundland • WFSB

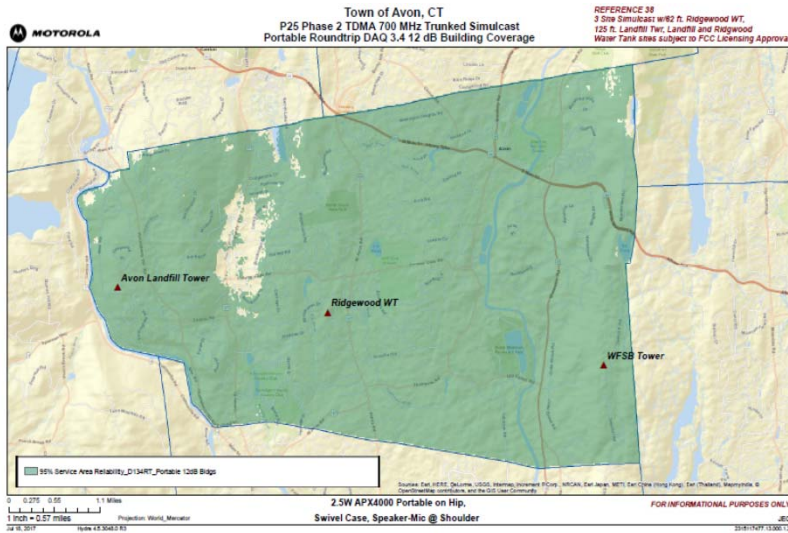
Pros

- Comparable coverage to original proposed design.
- Upgraded/new equipment needed at two sites rather than three.

Cons

- Use of a green site. Need to build infrastructure (road, utilities, etc.)
- Local Zoning rather than Siting Council.
- Would need approval of CGA.
- Construction costs paid by Town.

Three Site Solution – Round-trip 12dB In-Building Coverage



Three Site Solution

Transfer Station • Ridgewood Road • WFSB

Pros

- Two sites currently used by Town
- New site (Huckleberry Hill) is an existing commercial site located on Town property.
- Permitting through Siting Council rather than local zoning.
- No upfront cost for structure. Town would forego revenue associated with lease for site.

Cons

- Coverage gap over Lovely Street, in area of RBS. May need to be solved for after project completion at additional cost.



Next Steps