

Avon Water Pollution Control Authority
February 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Via GoToMeeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. via GoToMeeting by Chairperson Johansen.

AWPCA – Roll Call:

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairperson
Tom Armstrong, Vice-Chairperson
Keith Jones
Micah Rousey
Chris Roy
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

January 13, 2022

On a motion made by Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Rousey, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the January 20, 2021 Meeting as drafted.
Messrs.: Armstrong, Jones, Rousey, Roy, and Johansen voted in favor.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE – No audience in attendance.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2022 – 1 Sewer Billing – 2022 – Public Hearing

On a motion made by Mr. Johansen seconded by Mr. Roy, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority enter into a Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. to discuss item 2022-1.
Messrs.: Armstrong, Jones, Rousey, Roy, and Johansen voted in favor.

Mr. Baril provided a basis for a recommended sewer-use rate increase of 3% for both commercial and residential properties. Mr. Baril suggested a two installment protocol for residential sewer-use bills. Single family residential accounts on public water would be charged a flat-fee of \$257.50 in April and the October fee would be based on the low-two quarters from Connecticut Water annualized at a rate of \$4.53 / thousand gallons with a minimum charge of \$180. Residences whose water comes from a private well, apartment units, condominium units, and properties that transferred ownership in 2021 would all pay a flat fee of \$257.50 in April and \$257.50 in October. Commercial accounts would pay \$618 per equivalent business unit (EBU) in which an EBU equals 76,650 gallons. The minimum commercial charge would be one EBU.

Mr. Johansen suggested the continued use of protocols employed last year with commercial accounts receiving a single, annual bill in July and residential accounts receiving two installments, one in April and a second in October.

On a motion made by Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Johansen, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:13 p.m.
Messrs.: Armstrong, Jones, Rousey, Roy, and Johansen voted in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Rousey, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority approve both the residential and commercial sewer-use billing rate increase of 3% for calendar year 2022 billing cycle as described in provided information.
Messrs.: Armstrong, Jones, Rousey, Roy, and Johansen voted in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2021-7 Benefit Assessments – Sub-dividable lots

No new updates on item 2021-7 Benefit Assessments.

2021-8 Timber Lane – Sewers

Mr. Baril provided an update on a recent sewer survey sent to residents of three neighborhoods affected by the potential for public sewers in their area. The goal would be to get some responses back in time to provide an update at our next meeting in March mentioned Mr. Baril. The Authority agreed to continue the discussion on item 2021-8 until March, 2022 meeting.

VI. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – None

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS

Discussion centered on a resident's request to connect to sewers in the Hurdle Fence area. Mr. Baril informed the Authority of various issues to be addressed prior to granting access to public sewer. The Authority asked Mr. Baril to assess the resident's level of urgency to connect. Mr. Armstrong suggested item be revisited during the March 2022 meeting.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS – None

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Johansen, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Messrs.: Armstrong, Jones, Rousey, Roy, and Johansen voted in favor.

Attest: Victoria DiCenso, AWPCA Clerk