

Avon Water Pollution Control Authority

July 09, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

VIA conference call

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority virtual meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. via conference call by Chairperson Eric Johansen.

AWPCA

Present: Eric Johansen, Chairperson
Tom Armstrong, Vice-Chairperson
Chris Roy
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
Tim Foster, Sewer Superintendent

Absent: Keith Jones
Randall Bowers

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

June 11, 2020

Mr. Armstrong suggested the meeting minutes reflect that though he opened the meeting, Chairperson Johansen presided over the meeting as a whole. Modification noted and unanimously agreed upon.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting with suggested amendment.

Messrs: Johansen, Roy, and Armstrong voted in favor.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE – See Old Business: 2019 – 12 Sewer Connection Review

Mr. Ed Queirolo of A&E Realty was in attendance to participate in old business item 2019 -12 Sewer Connection Review. Mr. Johansen suggested going directly to discussion of old business item. Unanimously agreed upon.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2020 – 5 Fund Reserve – Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Armstrong voiced concerns regarding Capital Improvement Project funding and its effect on the sewer fund. Establishing reserves for future expenditures rather than increasing user-fees is prudent. Awareness is essential so suggest the Authority direct Mr. Baril to explore all available financing options stated Mr. Armstrong. The Authority concurred.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approve continued financial analysis of Capital Improvement Project funding.

Messrs: Johansen, Roy, and Armstrong voted in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2019 – 12 Sewer Connection Fee Review

Mr. Baril suggested possible amendments to the existing sewer connection fee assessment in light of extenuating circumstances brought to his attention. Consideration should be given to adding an additional “auxiliary building” connection designation as well as redefining the amount of square footage used in E.B.U. calculations. For example, the installation of a new pool house with connection to the sanitary sewer by a resident should be assessed similar to the addition of a bedroom falling under a newly defined auxiliary building designation. Another recent circumstance to consider is the situation now faced by Mr. Queirolo of A&E Realty. Calculating the E.B.U using the existing square footage rule for Mr. Queirolo’s three properties located on Tower Lane will create a financial burden, explained Mr. Baril. Given there are very few commercial properties still on septic in Avon, Mr. Baril suggested the Authority mitigate the financial burden of business owners in a similar situation as Mr. Queirolo. These two suggested amendments will not leave the Authority unable to meet its future financial obligations further explained Mr. Baril. Mr. Johansen agreed and recommended amendments be added to the September AWPCA meeting agenda.

RESOLVED: That the Authority approve adding sewer connection fee revision analysis to the September, 2020 AWPCA meeting agenda.

Messrs.: Johansen, Roy, and Armstrong unanimously agreed.

VI. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS — None

VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF — None

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS —

Mr. Roy requested an update on property owner of 49 Hurdle Fence’s request to connect to sewer via Farmington sewer shed. Mr. Baril conveyed Farmington’s decision to grant

the property owner right to connect via their sewer shed and expected work to move forward.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS – None

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:26 p.m.
Messrs: Johansen, Roy, and Armstrong voted in favor.

Attest: Victoria DiCenso, Clerk