

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

June 14, 2018

Selectmen's Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

Town of Avon

Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Johansen.

AWPCA

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

Absent: Chris Roy

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING –

MOTION: Mr. Armstrong made a motion for approval of the April 12, 2018 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Eric Johansen, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – Please see below.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

IV. OLD BUSINESS –

2018 – 8 Potential Sanitary Sewer Service for School Street

Mr. Johansen opened the public hearing and explained Larry Baril, Town Engineer will give a presentation on the School Street Sanitary Sewer Project, how the Benefit Assessments were determined, and addressing any questions from attending residents.

Mr. Baril provided some background on the basic project area, properties involved, how the assessments were determined, and other potential costs incurred. Mr. Baril described how the basic project area (as indicated on a map of School Street) started at Volovski, traveled down School Street, and ended on New Road he also explained, original plans were for 17 properties, excluding properties located at 50 & 51 School St. which had already connected via private connection to Volovski. During the construction phase, a property owner from New Road requested expanding the project to include 3 properties located on New Road at the bottom of School Street commented Mr. Baril, who further concluded that 70 and 73 had unusual circumstances that could affect assessment totals. Larry Baril explained the property located at 73 School Street was undeveloped and property at 70 could potentially be subdivided. Mr. Baril clarified that after doing the math it was decided that adding the properties located on New Road would not adversely affect the overall cost of the Project. The two properties located at 70 and 73 School St. presented different issues explained by Mr. Baril. Property # 73 was not yet developed but will be assessed and the assessment deferred. Property # 70 is a large lot with a house on it but it is large enough to be subdivided. He further clarified that

were not established at the time of construction. The AWPCA established a basic residential assessment of \$6,000. Mr. Baril further explained, 50 & 51 have already paid an assessment meeting their obligation however, they would have to pay a fee if they ever need to connect to the School St. mainline. Mr. Tim Foster agreed, if for some reason they have a failure and they need to come on-board they will pay, but for now they want to use their private connection. Tim Foster also stated their current lateral connections are not covered by the Town. Ms. Hansen inquired as to who would pay for possible failures in the street and main line? Mr. Foster explained the Town of Avon owns the main line sewer and it is our responsibility. Ms. Hansen wondered whether you can pay the connection fee now without connecting. Mr. Baril answered, yes, the connection fee can be paid at any time and it's to your advantage because there has been some discussion of increasing the connection fee.

Mr. Johansen expressed appreciation to the audience for their feedback.

MOTION: Mr. Johansen made a motion to formally close the public hearing. The motion, seconded by Mr. Terry Ryan, received, unanimous approval.

Further discussion included, resolution on final assessments and the 10 year payback, deferred assessments on lots 70 & 75, and Elderly Tax Relief Deferment for those who applied.

MOTION: Mr., Tom Armstrong proposed a benefit assessment on the applicable residences on School Street and New Road in the amount of \$11,241.88. The residents are entitled to pay for this over a period of 10 years through the town at 4.75% interest. The caveats are that property at 70 School has one deferred assessment and one current assessment based on additional lots on that property. The property at 75 School has a deferred assessment as it is undeveloped. Mr. Armstrong ascertained the property at 83 School is processing a deferred assessment under the elderly tax relief program and have no objection to them continuing that process. This will be effective after a newspaper notice is given in the appropriate time fashion under our regulations and statutes regulations and ordinances. The motion seconded, by Mr. Johansen, received unanimous approval.

MOTION: Mr. Tom Armstrong proposed the two properties located at 50 and 51 School that have already paid for tying into sewer system on Volovski be assessed if there is a future tie into School Street, in the amount of \$6,000 per property unless at the time of their connection there is a higher regulatory rate of such connection under the AWPCA. In that event, it would be the subject a higher rate. The motion seconded, by Mr. Johansen, received unanimous approval.

NOTED: Mr. Tom Armstrong noted that this low pressure system is the first one we've done a benefit assessment for in a large area. Mr. Armstrong further noted, this is the first one we ever installed. Let it be known the reason we had to go this route is the pitch of School Street is very significant if we were to go gravity in the other direction it would have required blasting possibly affecting foundations, increased project costs, and the like.

Baril responded by saying that Fuss & O'Neil were hired to address I & I problems and he was not satisfied with the results. Mr. Baril ended with the fact that the problem is unresolved and unfortunately, there is nothing to be done about Farmington today but wants to keep it on the Agenda.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – Mr. Armstrong mentioned the Avon Center Project. Mr. Baril explained an independent peer-review engineer, Weston and Sampson were hired to do a full review, including roads, bridges, storm drainage, sanitary, and water distribution. Mr. Baril also noted, before approval to build any sanitary sewer will be given, all AWPCA rules and requirements must be met by the Developer.

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril introduced a building project at Avon Mills as proposed by a Developer. Mr. Baril explained proposed project would be the adding of 300 to 400 new units at Avon Mills and is in the preliminary stages of planning.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Eric Johansen recognized Suzanne Essex, former AWPCA Clerk, for her services all these years.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Johansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria DiCenso, Clerk