

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING
May 9, 2013
Selectmen’s Chambers, 7:30 pm
Town of Avon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 7:32 pm by Mr. Farrell.

Present: Michael Farrell
Eric Johansen
Tom Armstrong
Jim Miller
Terry Ryan
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
Tim Foster, Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Collection, Town of Avon

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – April 11, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Armstrong made a motion for approval of the April 11, 2013 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, received unanimous approval

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

IV NEW BUSINESS – 2013 – 4 Public Hearing regarding proposed increase for sewer use fee (FY 13 /14)

Mr. Farrell invited public discussion regarding the proposed sewer rate increase from \$300 to \$306. Due to lack of audience comments, Mr. Farrell continued with the next item on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

2013 – 1 Annual Discussion of Sewer Rate

Mr. Farrell noted prior comments from the AWPCA meeting regarding raising the sewer rate.

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion that the AWPCA adopt an increase in the user fee for the 2013 2014 FY from \$300 to \$306 on an EDU basis.

The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

2012 – 14 I & I Study, Riverdale Farms.

Mr. Foster noted he and Mr. Baril met with the owners of Riverdale Farms and conducted a dye test. Additional smoke testing will be done after selecting a contractor via the Town’s purchasing protocol.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – Mr. Baril noted that the healthcare facility previously planned for Simsbury Road is still under consideration. No new additional details to report at this time.

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril noted he would like to include a public information session for the June 2013 AWPCA meeting for those residents that may be affected by installing sewers on Avonside. There are four parcels that will be affected. The sewer project will work in tandem with plans to repave the road. Although there are no known septic failures, plans are under consideration to install sewers given the poor road conditions and plans for paving. Mr. Baril reviewed the plan to connect the manholes to each of the four parcels. There will be approximately 200 feet of mainline and two manholes. The project is expected to be small. The price for each resident will be approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Ryan noted there is a lot of work to be done for easement clearing. Mr. Ryan provided a map and photographs to indicate what is involved in the section he observed. Mr. Farrell noted that each area should be quantified and placed on a rotation for clearing. Mr. Ryan noted the urgency to clear the affected areas. Mr. Baril noted he would speak to Mr. John McCahill, Planning and Community Development Specialist, regarding any potential wetland concerns. Mr. Ryan noted the middle of summer is a good time of year to clear given the dryness of the vegetation. Mr. Baril noted the urgency to this project and will most likely seek a supplemental appropriation to fund it for this year if the CIP request was removed. Mr. Foster noted the importance of alerting affected property owners of the plan and Mr. Baril agreed stating property notification will be given and possibly a public information meeting. Mr. Armstrong suggested potential concerns should be flagged ahead of time to avoid any access difficulties. Mr. Baril and members discussed the options available to secure funding for the easement clearing project. Mr. Farrell suggested the next step should include prioritizing the access routes.

Mr. Armstrong noted he spoke to FVHD regarding Septic Smart and a representative from FVHD will lead the program and will notify Mr. Armstrong when the program is initiated so the Town of Avon's web site can provide a link for residents. Mr. Armstrong provided an overview from attending the CAWPCA Spring workshop.

Mr. Armstrong inquired about the criteria used in determining how CREC was charged for a connection fee. Mr. Baril noted that because CREC is in a residential zone, they were charged a residential connection fee.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk

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