

**Meeting Minutes
Avon Water Pollution Control Authority
October 10, 2019 — 5:30 p.m.
Avon Town Hall / Selectmen's Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Selectmen's Chambers by Co-Chairperson Tom Armstrong.

AWPCA

Present: Tom Armstrong, Co-Chairperson
Chris Roy
Keith Jones
Randall Bowers
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

Absent: Eric Johansen, Chairperson

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

September 12, 2019

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approves the minutes of the September 12, 2019 Meeting as drafted. Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

Civil Engineer Jim Rotondo of Godfried, Hoffman, Hodge and Atty. Tom Fahey of Fahey & Landolina were in attendance to discuss Avon Place Expansion (please see New Business - 2019-11).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2019 – 11 Avon Place Expansion

Mr. Rotondo, on behalf of the potential developer of Avon Place sought the AWPCA's opinion for possible expansion of Avon Place by approximately 70 units. The effect of increased development on the Simsbury sewer-shed and Avon's existing capacity was described by Mr. Baril. The Authority discussed likelihood of exceeding sewer capacity with future development and options to increase capacity in the Simsbury sewer-shed. The Authority's recommendation to the Developer's representative, Mr. Rotondo, was to complete a water-usage/flow analysis based on the Developer's planned expansion.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority table item until Developer provides additional data.
Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Jones it was voted:

RESOLVED: That the Authority address Agenda items 2019 – 7 and 2019 – 9 prior to item 2019 - 5.

Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority go into Public Hearing to discuss 2019 – 7
Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

2019 – 7 Sewer Acceptance – Paper Chase Trail; Winding Lane/Stony Corners, and School Street – Public Hearing

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority accept as a public sewer to the Town of Avon, Paper Chase Trail as described by Mr. Baril.

Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority accept as a public sewer to the Town of Avon, Winding Lane/Stony Corners as described by Mr. Baril.

Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority accept as a public sewer to the Town of Avon, School Street as described by Mr. Baril.

Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, and Jones, voted in favor;

1 abstention: Randall Bowers

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority end Public Hearing.

Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor

2019 – 9 24 Paper Chase Trail Assessment – update

Mr. Armstrong indicated the residents of 24 Paper Chase Trail waived their right to a Public Hearing. Mr. Bowers recused himself from discussion due to conflict of interest. Mr. Armstrong retracted a statement from September 12, 2019 AWPCA meeting “any compensation awarded present homeowners from any benefit-assessment related lawsuit against previous owners must be used to pay off installment plan.” Approved Benefit Assessment terms and conditions were described as: ten annual payments of \$1,900 plus interest rate of 5%; subject to payment in full

upon transfer of ownership with no prepayment penalties for a total of: \$23,299.00 after 10 years.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority approve Benefit Assessment for 24 Paper Chase Trail as described.

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

Recusal: Randall Bowers

2019 – 5 Sewer-Use fee changes – update

Mr. Baril explained the details of a water-usage analysis conducted by Engineering based on the number of residential bedrooms per home. Given the early stages of the study, Mr. Baril recommended the 2020 sewer payment be semi-annual, fixed, with April (\$250) and October (\$265), 2020 due dates. Mr. Baril suggested a hypothetical bill based on water usage be included as an example of how future residential sewer-use billings may appear. The Authority agreed with Mr. Baril's recommendation and felt strongly about keeping residents informed of future sewer-billing changes. Mr. Armstrong proposed the sewer-use fee be semi-annual with due dates of April 1, 2020 and October 1, 2020. The April billing to be in the amount of \$250 and the October billing set at \$265. A variable water-use bill example based on hypothetical consumption to be included in billing for informational purposes.

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

RESOLVED: That the Authority set the November AWPCA meeting as a public hearing and plan vote on proposed changes to sewer-use fee schedule and inclusion of a hypothetical water-consumption bill example. Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones, voted in favor.

VI. **PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS** - No new items were discussed.

VII. **COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF** - No new items were discussed.

VIII. **COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS** -

Mr. Armstrong suggested publishing water conservation ideas on the AWPCA webpage and volunteered his time in reaching that goal.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS** - No new items were discussed.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** -

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

RESOLVED: That the Water Pollution Control Authority adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Messrs.: Roy, Armstrong, Bowers, and Jones voted in favor.