

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
January 9, 2014
Selectmen's Chambers, 5:30 pm
Town of Avon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:35 pm by Mr. Farrell.

Present: Michael Farrell
Tom Armstrong
Chris Roy
Terry Ryan
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

Absent: Eric Johansen

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – November 14, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Roy made a motion for approval of the November 14, 2013 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

IV NEW BUSINESS –

2014 – 1 Approve 2014 AWPCA Meeting Dates –

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the AWPCA schedule for 2014. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

2014 – 2 Kingswood Subdivision Sewer Acceptance, Phase IV

Mr. Baril provided background information on the construction of the Kingswood Subdivision and noted the developer, Michael Mansour of Village Developers, has requested a final bond release. To follow proper protocol and due diligence, Mr. Baril has requested the AWPCA to formally accept the sewer into the Town of Avon's municipal sewer system. Mr. Baril clarified that the sewer was installed before the road was paved. Toll Brothers is the current owner/developer.

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion to accept the sewer. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2013 – 7 Assessment Conveyance – Mr. Farrell provided background information on the Town's sewer assessment payback period when a parcel is sold and whether specific rules should be changed to alleviate any potential payment conflicts. Mr. Armstrong will research the topic further from a legal standpoint to determine next steps and noted there's specific language to be clarified on exactly what a transfer is. Mr. Farrell requests that the agenda item to appear on the next meeting agenda.

2011 – 10 I & I Study – Mr. Farrell reviewed the need to proceed with an I & I study given the over-capacity levels at the Farmington sewer shed during wet weather. Mr. Farrell met with Mr. Robertson, Town Manager, and learned that the Capital Improvement Project fund request for this study will not be passed. Given the healthy fund balance of 05, there are options available where the AWPCA can

approach the Town to request a monetary release from fund 05 to fund the project, given its critical importance.

Mr. Baril continued the background information such as the age of the Farmington sewer shed. Fuss & O'Neill conducted an update to the Town's master sewer facilities plan, which was paid for in part at 55% reimbursement from the Clean Water Fund. The selection of Fuss & O'Neill was done on a qualification based criteria, which is mandated by the DEEP. The Town of Avon received a letter from the Department of Energy and Environment Protection which noted the Facilities Plan Contract can be extended which will allow Fuss & O'Neill to be the vendor for the I & I Study. Mr. Baril noted Mr. Robertson would like to have a memo from the AWPCA with their support to proceed with Fuss & O'Neill to conduct the I & I Study. Mr. Baril noted this will be an amendment to the Town's existing agreement with DEEP and Fuss & O'Neill. Mr. Baril noted the importance to begin the I&I Study in the Spring which will be telling given the usual high precipitation during the spring months. The temporary flow meter locations have already been identified.

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion that the AWPCA authorizes Mr. Robertson to enter into an agreement with Fuss & O'Neill for the purposes of conducting the I&I Study and the amount should not exceed \$400,000. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

Mr. Armstrong indicated that he supports the motion and noted this is a continuation of an existing contract (the Sewer Facilities Plan Update). He feels it's a logical amendment to the existing contract since the original project was competitively bid, the consultant performed exemplary under the first contract, and the additional study was expected.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril provided an update on the work being done at the Route 44 Pump Station. The first pump is in and has been wired. The existing second pump will be out and the new one retrofitted in by Wednesday.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Farrell requested that the Agenda Item, 2013 - 5, Easement Access Management Report, should be considered a reoccurring agenda item noting the importance of easement clearing. Mr. Roy noted his experience with easement clearing in the Town of Simsbury.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION: Mr. Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk