

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

**June 9, 2011
Selectmen's Chambers 5:30 pm
Town of Avon**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:50 pm by Eric Johansen.

Present: Thomas Armstrong
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
Tim Foster, Superintendent of Sewers, Town of Avon
Eric Johansen
Jim Miller

Absent: Michael Farrell
Terry Ryan

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – May 23, 2011

MOTION: Mr. Armstrong made a motion for approval of the May 23, 2011 minutes, as submitted. The motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. OLD BUSINESS –

2010-9 Haynes Road Update – Mr. Baril provided an update. The design is 99% complete. The route to existing sewer is 90% certain. The resident on West Avon Road who has been pro-project in the past now has second thoughts which may impact a revised route. The resident was originally interested in connecting his house but now after talking to Mr. Ferrigno, the resident may be more interested in gaining easement relief rather than sewer connection reimbursement. Mr. Baril believes that, based on the Deepwood sewer project, sanitary easements over residential property are assessed at \$.50 per square feet. Final design is important to move forward on the project. Mr. Baril met with DOT representatives regarding the encroachment permit needed, which is straightforward. They will issue the permit within one week of receiving the application. Avon Health has been reasonable with their requests, such as hedge row screening, curbing repair, tree removal. The value of Mr. Rubin connecting to the sewer outweighs the value of receiving a check for acquiring easement. Mr. Ferrigno will be responsible for settling the outstanding issue of Mr. Rubin's situation. There is additional easement costs associated with Avon Health because it's a commercial property. Mr. Ferrigno mentioned to Mr. Baril he will pay for the additional costs if an easement needs to go via Avon Health

property. A tentative start date from Mr. Ferrigno is the second week of July 2011. There are six out of eight homes on Knoll Lane which are under contract. Mr. Baril reviewed the sewer permit agreement and noted the document is not a typical agreement considering the payback. The length of sewer to put in is greater than the number of homes who will benefit from the public sewers. Mr. Armstrong questioned whether the two missing members should be given an opportunity to comment on the agreement and made the following motion:

MOTION: Mr. Armstrong made a motion to approve the sewer permit agreement subject to the following criteria: missing board members have a chance to comment on the sewer permit agreement by June 14th, 2011 and should they have any comments, those comments should be relayed to the Board Members. The motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, received unanimous approval.

In addition, Mr. Armstrong stated that it's an exception to general practice to approve a 20-year period but in light of the unusual circumstances in this application such as the area is in a high priority area, the length of sewer piping in comparison to the few homes which will be served by the contractor and the additional number of approximately 80 homes who will benefit were exceptional circumstances to make this contract for a 20-year period. Mr. Foster noted that Schedule A will be included which will list the parcels benefitting from the extension recognizing the private agreement with Mr. Ferrigno and the outstanding parcels that are not included.

Mr. Baril reviewed the sewer route and the depth of trench planned. Borings were completed in September of 2010. The lower section of ledge as determined by the borings is expected to be a soft rock.

2011 – 3 Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

Mr. Armstrong led the discussion based on documents he prepared which included comments from members. Mr. Baril offered comments based on his review. Members discussed the protocol for issuing a permit for a restaurant that is not located in Avon. The relationship with tenant and sub-tenant was discussed and language will be created to properly address where the responsibilities lie. The proper definition of AWPCA was discussed to determine how the AWPCA and the Engineering/Sewer department should be reflected in the FOG documents. Mr. Foster noted that the Engineering Department and the AWPCA are responsible for permitting the installation of the AGRUs. Mr. Baril suggested the timing of issuing FOG permits should be within 14 days. The correct language regarding effluent limitations was discussed. Mr. Foster suggested FVHD should be included to ensure cooperation between the Town of Avon and FVHD relating to restaurant closures based on violations. Mr. Baril noted a knowledgeable staff member from the FPE should be present at time of inspection, and is to be required to physically demonstrate the equipment as required by the inspector. Members discussed the timing of the meeting with restaurant owners and that proper AWPCA representation is recommended. Discussion continued regarding monitoring small restaurants such as those within a golf course or locations such as the VFW and Italian Club. Mr. Foster noted that each establishment will be looked into on a case by case basis. Discussion continued regarding requiring an external trap. Mr. Foster noted that in some cases lavatory waste is mixed in with kitchen and there is no separation. Mr. Armstrong concluded by stating he will follow-up with Mr. Dennis Greci of the DEP.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – Mr. Baril noted that Fresh Market has been approved and demolition will happen soon. The CREC School is also a consideration. The property which

Ensign Bickford owns has been working with the Planning Department to allow mixed use development – commercial, retail, residential. This may become the Town Center of Avon. It is currently zoned industrial. CREC originally wanted to build on this property. There has been discussion regarding phasing, open space, reestablishing a dam and creating a pond. Ensign Bickford would want to transfer sewer responsibility to the Town. Mr. Foster noted it's an old system from 1911.

Mr. Baril received a phone call from the Canton WPCA to redefine their sewer shed boundary in Avon. A meeting has been scheduled for June 10, 2011. Mr. Baril noted the sewer shed boundary does not match with the topography. They further discussed what had been termed the "Lowes" property. Mr. Foster noted the boundary is split land and the amount of how much each town will charge is an outstanding item. The location is south of Route 44, near Secret Lake.

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril noted that the only item that he presented for budget approval under WPCA/Sewers was the Haynes Road Phase 1 budget request of \$420,000, which passed. Mr. Baril noted that additional requests included money for improving the Meadowbrook and Route 44 pump stations, which were not passed. Mr. Baril has requested that the \$420,000 stay within the Engineering and Sewer Department and has notified the Board that he will anticipate their support to move forward to reallocate the funds to address pump station improvements and the other CIP items such as I&I modeling.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – None

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Johansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk