

**AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY****August 11, 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 5:40 pm by Eric Johansen.

Present: Thomas Armstrong  
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer  
Eric Johansen  
Jim Miller  
Terry Ryan

Absent: Michael Farrell

**II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – July 14, 2011**

MOTION: Mr. Armstrong made a motion for approval of the July 14, 2011 minutes.  
The motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, received unanimous approval.

**III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None****IV. NEW BUSINESS****2011- 8 APPROVE AWPCA SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES**

Mr. Miller made a motion for approval of the schedule of 2012 meeting dates for the AWPCA. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

**2011- 9 WEATHERSTONE SUBDIVISION LOW PRESSURE SEWER REQUEST**

Mr. Baril provided an overview of the Weatherstone Subdivision. Mr. Francoline and his partner, Jeff Sard sold the remaining lots in phase II to Toll Brothers, Inc. Mr. Francoline has contacted Mr. Baril and Mr. Kushner (Town Planner) to consider alternatives for Phase III of the subdivision given the current economic climate and the Town's desire to see the Northington Drive connection to Lofgren Road completed. In particular, they are requesting allowance of low pressure sewers for seven of the lots, rather than the previously approved plan to have these lots served by gravity sewers. The entire Weatherstone Subdivision was designed and approved for gravity sewers. Mr. Baril provided an overview on how low pressure sewers operate. There would not be a Town-owned pump station but the Town would own the low pressure force main and the homeowners would own the individual pumps and related equipment. Mr. Baril noted that Mr. Francoline is required to finish the road extension to Lofgren Road. Mr. Baril mentioned there are a number of variables to consider such as homeowners own the pumps but the Town of Avon would want to require that the homeowners realize they own the pump. Mr. Francoline agreed that this could be included in the property deeds to indicate that the homeowner understands ownership and maintenance of the sewer pump. The Town could also mandate a type and specification of pump system. Mr. Baril noted that the soil types there may not be conducive to individual septic systems in addition to proximity to wetlands and size of lots. (According to Matt Brown, the developer's engineers did not perform perc tests during initial design). Conversation continued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of accepting Mr.

Francoline's request for low pressure sewers. Mr. Baril agreed he would communicate with Mr. Francoline regarding the members' feedback and because the board was not fully represented at this evening's meeting, this agenda item will be continued to the next AWPCA meeting.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS –

**2011 – 3 Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)** Mr. Armstrong made a motion for the last version of the administrative regulations for FOG be adopted. This version included a waiver of the \$150 fee for the first year of its inception, with a fee waive end date of July, 2012. The motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, received unanimous approval.

**2010-9 Haynes Road Update** – Mr. Baril provided an overview on the status of the Haynes Road sewer project. The acquisition agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel. There is now a three-party agreement with Avon Health, Sunlight Construction, and the Town of Avon. The decision was made to stay on Avon Health's property from West Avon Road to tie into the existing sewer. The design is completed with the exception that revisions are being made to accommodate conditional changes due to Avon Water Company revisions. CNG markings have also been revised causing additional design changes. Mr. Baril requested a \$1.1 million bond and Sunlight responded that Hemlock will post a surety bond and Sunlight will post a letter of credit, which combined will total approximately \$1 million. Legal counsel agreed this is an acceptable arrangement. There was a rumor that CL & P has an interest to replace all of their poles and guy wires on the street though they have not indicated this to the Town. The Sewer Permit Agreement is ready to be signed. Mr. Armstrong suggested legal counsel review the bond for any indication of an 'other insurance clause'.

#### VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None

**VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF** – Mr. Baril provided an overview regarding the letter that was sent to Mr. Catania regarding 32 Mountain View Avenue. Mountain View Avenue is an area where Ensign-Bickford ran public sewers. The Town decided to rebuild Mountain View Avenue to widen the street, install storm drainage, and install sidewalks. When this was done, sanitary sewers were installed in the street. Some of the lateral connections that were originally connected to the Ensign Bickford sewers were rerouted to the new sewer. When this occurred, assessments were not done since most people were already connected to public sewers. The Town extended to three or four homes on Mountain View Avenue, which were not previously connected to public sewers. One home, in 2003, was assessed through a special service charge of \$3,600, which was paid. Mr. Catania has since bought a three-family home on Mountain View Ave. Mr. Catania has expressed opposition in paying a service charge. Mr. Catania has mentioned he would like to connect to public sewer to avoid potential problems with the current septic system. Mr. Baril noted that Mr. Catania and his legal representation would like to discuss with the AWPCA the matter and plead the case to avoid any additional service charge. They are scheduled to appear on the AWPCA agenda for September.

On another matter, Mr. Baril discussed an email he received from Mr. Andy Stachowiak who works for the Farmington WPCF. The flows for the Spring of 2011 to Farmington as monitored by the flow meters exceeded the average quarterly allowance as defined within the intermunicipal agreement between Farmington and Avon. This was an unusually wet quarter Mr. Baril believes it's Mr. Stachowiak's intention to revise the agreement using this exceedence as a catalyst. Mr. Baril plans to initiate an I & I study and plans to talk to the AWPCA further regarding this matter. The current fee that is paid to Farmington is for treatment costs. There is a direct relationship between rainwater and the meter measurements. Mr. Baril mentioned he plans to contact DEEP to investigate potential opportunities under the Clean Water Fund to assist with the funding for the I & I Study.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – None

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Essex, Clerk