

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
December 13, 2012
The Avon Room 5:30 pm
Town of Avon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:38 pm by Mr. Farrell.

Present: Thomas Armstrong
Michael Farrell
Eric Johansen
Terry Ryan
Tim Foster, Superintendent of Sanitary Sewers, Town of Avon

Absent: Jim Miller

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – November 8, 2012

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion for approval of the November 8, 2012 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

IV NEW BUSINESS - None

V. OLD BUSINESS

2012 – 6 Sewer Use Fees – Elderly Relief

Mr. Farrell noted this is a recurring agenda item and will be discussed at the February, 2013 AWPCA meeting.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – None

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS –

Mr. Ryan inquired about the proposed Cider Brook project which he heard was discussed at a recent Town meeting. Mr. Foster noted there are road improvements being proposed and a potential sewer project in that area for low pressure sewers. Mr. Foster provided technical information regarding various pumps to consider, including air release valve components. Mr. Armstrong noted a system in Florida which is a vacuum system compared to a push. Mr. Johansen mentioned he did a project with a vacuum system in Florida and noted one would have a vacuum at the plant. There could be problems such as blockage. Mr. Foster noted that using a vacuum system would require a new pump station. If the Cider Brook sewer project moves forward, it shouldn't be phased out, rather it should go from point A to point B and ideally, there should be a stub for every parcel. Mr. Foster suggested contacting the Farmington Valley Health District to obtain information for those parcels which may be problematic and those parcels which have experienced septic repairs. Mr. Armstrong noted there is a company which has aeration systems which can handle leach fields beginning 6 inches below the ground. Letters were sent to Cider Brook residents regarding the potential sewer project.

Mr. Farrell introduced the agenda item relating to Septic Smart. Mr. Farrell received an email from an Avon resident who supports the program. Mr. Armstrong discussed the EPA initiative program for SepticSmart, which is a program that offers the community guidelines and safety standards for maintaining a septic tank. Including a link on the Town's web site leading residents to the EPA web site would be a cursory approach. A question would be whether to send a flyer to go along with the real estate tax bills. Mr. Armstrong expressed caution in tagging the Town with the recommendations in case something does not work. Mr. Farrell suggested initiating a mailing to residents to determine who has a septic system. Mr. Foster suggested contacting someone from the Farmington Valley Health District who would have most of the information. Mr. Farrell suggested that either Mr. Foster or Mr. Baril contact the FVHD regarding the SepticSmart program.

Mr. Armstrong noted the follow-up hand-out regarding the public hearing the Town of Simsbury held regarding the discussion and possible adoption of a revision to the current facility connection policy. Members agreed to discuss the information at the next meeting.

Mr. Farrell mentioned there were plans to have Mr. Robertson attend the AWPCA meeting to discuss budget items but it has been determined he will attend the next meeting.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk