

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**August 9, 2012****Selectmen's Chambers 5:30 pm****Town of Avon****I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Farrell.

Present: Thomas Armstrong
Michael Farrell
Eric Johansen
James Miller
Terry Ryan
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – July 12, 2012

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion for approval of the July 12, 2012 minutes.
Mr. Armstrong discussed the corrections he had which were noted for revision.
The motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None**IV. NEW BUSINESS – None****V. OLD BUSINESS**

2012 – 2 Meadowbrook Pump Station - Mr. Baril noted he received three local quotes to refurbish the pump station, which will cost approximately \$8,500. A resolution from the AWPCA is not needed. Funds will be used from the Haynes Road sewer project.

2011 – 10 Haynes Road– Mr. Baril provided an update. All laterals have been installed. The Town videoed a small section and it showed rocks and sediment. Mr. Ferrigno agreed to flush all the mainline sewer that was installed in the Fall of 2011. This needs to be done before it's accepted for flow. Based on an agreement with Mr. Ferrigno, The Town of Avon will pave Springbrook Road for approximately \$22,000.

Mr. Farrell noted he spoke to a few neighbors from the Haynes Road area regarding their displeasure with the sewer project. Given his discussions and a drive through the neighborhood, he noted suggestions that could be taken for future projects to alleviate any potential issues. Mr. Baril acknowledged the concerns, noted the project has been a challenging one, has suggested to residents they should also contact Mr. Ferrigno.

VI. PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None**VII. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – None**

VIII. COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Farrell noted he met with Mr. Harry DerAsadourian, Town of Avon Assessor, regarding sewer use fees. Mr. Farrell said out of a total of 3,525 sewer users, there are 147 residential users who would qualify for the proposed relief program. Members discussed the program logistics such as how to identify qualified users, whether to use State or Town level requirements, tracking the program, and coordinating with the Collector of Revenue regarding identifying qualified users for sewer billing. Discussion also included the possibility of increasing the current sewer use fee in conjunction with the proposed sewer relief program. In response

to the question regarding how many of the 147 residents pay their sewer bill, Mr. Baril believes there's a high percentage and based on past conversations with the Collector of Revenue, he is not aware of any issues with delinquent sewer bills. Mr. Farrell concluded the topic and suggested to members that they digest the information and return the following month with feedback on a) whether or not to proceed with the proposed relief program b) how much relief should be extended and c) whether the program should include veterans. He will confirm the total number of veterans who receive relief with the Town and provide this number to members. Mr. Baril noted he would provide members with historical figures which would represent the money collected from sewer use fees and the payment trend for the Town of Simsbury for sewer use. Mr. Farrell requested members receive this data before the next meeting. Mr. Baril suggested Ms. Fioretti (Collector of Revenue) should attend the next meeting, given the continued discussion regarding sewer use fees.

Mr. Baril responded to Mr. Armstrong's inquiry regarding any recent updates about the CREC School and noted the projected move date is 2013. He also provided an update on the potential sewer project for Avon Place. The flow will go to the Route 44 Pump Station, which flows to Simsbury. Mr. Baril provided background information on the Route 44 Pump Station, such as location, age and ultimately the need to be replaced.

Mr. Baril noted Mr. Foster has met with Mr. Brighenti of Riverdale Farms regarding the discovery of inflow there. There's a need for a larger power supply at Riverdale Farms, which would cost approximately \$12,000. Discussions have been held with Mr. Brighenti regarding an agreement to address the issues with the raised manhole, the stormwater discovery and the purchase of domestic power.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk