

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

November 8, 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 5:33 pm by Mr. Farrell.

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

Absent: Jim Miller

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – October 11, 2012

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion for approval of the October 11, 2012 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

IV NEW BUSINESS

2012 – 12 Sewer Permit Agreement for Weatherstone, Phase III B

Mr. Baril reviewed the map of the planned sanitary sewer project in Phase III of the subdivision, Weatherstone and mentioned the members would need to make a motion for the Town Manager to enter into a sewer permit agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion to resolve to allow Mr. Brandon Robertson to enter into a sewer permit agreement with Toll Brothers for Phase III B. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

2012 – 13 Sewer Acceptance for Verville Road

Mr. Baril explained that the Town has completed the as-built, which was the last hold-up. Mr. Baril notified the members the last step is to formally accept the sanitary sewer into the Town of Avon's collection system. Mr. Baril confirmed that videotape was completed for this project.

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion to accept the sewer for Verville Road. The motion, seconded by Mr. Johansen, received unanimous approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2012 – 6 Sewer Use Fees – Elderly Relief

Mr. Farrell noted that Ms. Deb Fioretti, Collector of Revenue attended a recent AWPCA meeting and also noted recent meetings included discussion regarding capping a fee which Mr. Armstrong explained a version using a hypothetical cap of \$25,000. A discount limit would be set, such as \$200 for a trial period of 2 years. Mr. Farrell noted there are a maximum potential of 147 elderly (of about 256 taxable entities on the relief program) reside on the sewer street system. Discussion continued regarding the timing, need and proper legal notification of potential sewer use fee increases. Mr. Ryan expressed concern over the proposed program since metering the water usage is not an option, a person on the master list could have ten people residing in the home and questions who will investigate the

situation. It may invite others to come in seeking relief. Mr. Farrell noted that he believes most of the elderly are living with their significant other. Mr. Baril confirmed that he believes that the tax relief program requires participants to meet both age and income level factors. Mr. Baril noted that according to the Tighe and Bond Study, the Town of Avon is on the low end in the state for sewer use fees. Mr. Farrell suggested that members look at the sewer rate on an annual basis every February. There was some discussion regarding the use and authority of the AWPCA to allocate and administer the sewer use fund. As an effort to better understand the process and the legal authority of the AWPCA, members indicated interest to invite a member of the Town Council to a WPCA meeting.

2010 – 9 Haynes Road Update

Mr. Baril provided an update. The road is completely paved. A punch list has been provided to Sunlight Construction, CNG and the Avon Water Company. There will be a couple lawns that will need attention in the spring. Springbrook looks terrific. Residents have expressed their gratitude.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – None

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril provided background regarding the newspaper coverage on the Town of Farmington Treatment Plant upgrade. Mr. Baril plans to formally request information regarding the proposed upgrade. There have been times during a heavy rainfall when levels have reached capacity. There is a correlation between the capacity levels and the weather. The Town of Avon will be affected financially with a pro-rata share when the upgrade occurs.

A public hearing notice appeared in the newspaper notifying The Town of Simsbury will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed connection charge policy to include a tier system for residential connections. Mr. Armstrong suggested someone contact Tighe and Bond to inquire what areas they will be collecting data.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Farrell inquired about an update regarding the Riverdale Farms I & I matter. Mr. Baril noted that a meeting will occur with Mr. Brighenti and Mr. Foster. Comparing rain events with the average pump station compared to flow data on a dry day will be helpful information for this meeting.

Mr. Armstrong noted a Microgrid program whereby certain urban necessities, such as the electricity at grocery stores, pharmacies and high schools (when those schools are used as a shelter), would be eligible for a refund from the State of Connecticut should these centers lose power. Mr. Armstrong suggested the Town look into the issue and whether Microgrids are feasible and also survey the businesses who may be affected from a power outage whether they would be interested in contributing to the program. Mr. Armstrong noted some areas that may benefit, such as the school, the intersection near McDonald's because of the gas stations and food areas, fire and police stations. Mr. Ryan mentioned he will contact someone he knows who is involved with a similar project.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Johansen, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk