

AVON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
August 8, 2013
Selectmen's Chambers, 5:30 pm
Town of Avon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Avon Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 5:36 pm by Mr. Farrell.

Present: Michael Farrell
Eric Johansen
Tom Armstrong
Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

Absent: Terry Ryan

II. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING – July 11, 2013

MOTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion for approval of the July 11, 2013 minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

III. COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE - None

IV NEW BUSINESS -

2013 – 10 Resolution Request for Proposed Sewer Extension - 415 Lovely Street

Mr. Baril reviewed the request he received from Connecticut Valley Developers to extend the sewers on Lovely Street. A Sewer Permit Agreement is required for the developer to extend the sewers. Mr. Baril provided clarification regarding existing benefiting parcels, developer's parcels and those parcels who would benefit from an extension. There will be a total of seven benefiting lots. There will be a developer's payback. There is a 10-year term on the payback period.

RESOLUTION: Mr. Farrell made a motion that the AWPCA resolves to allow Brandon Robertson, Town Manager, Town of Avon, to enter into a sewer permit agreement with Connecticut Valley Developers for properties bordering on Southgate and Lovely Street. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong based on information received this evening, received unanimous approval.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2012 – 10 Sewer Extension for Avonside - Mr. Baril mentioned he sent an email to Avon Old Farms to determine their interest in the proposed sewer extension project on Avonside. Ms. McCabe and Mr. Zibbideo of 39 Avonside sent a letter to Mr. Baril regarding the proposed sewer project and copies were provided to the AWPCA. Currently, this is the only formal correspondence received from residents regarding the project. Mr. Farrell suggested that additional information for each property be gathered to help the AWPCA decide the necessity of the project, including: leachfield reserve information from Farmington Valley Health District, Assessor's field cards, and feedback from Avon Old Farms School. This information will be discussed at the next meeting to determine next steps.

2013 – 5 Easement Access Management Report – Tabled for the next meeting.

2013 – 9 Septic Smart Program

Mr. Armstrong provided the web site address which is included on the Farmington Valley Health District's web site. The web site includes information for residents on such topics as maintenance tips, causes of system failures and steps to take if buying a home with a septic tank. A link on the Town of Avon's web site will be added to link users to the FVHD's site for additional information.

2013 – 7 Assessment Conveyance – Mr. Armstrong reviewed documents he obtained relating to assessment conveyance, payment schedules and assessments. He spoke to Mr. Andrew Lord of Murtha Cullina regarding such matters. Further discussion will be needed to determine possible changes to existing documents that are filed on the Town of Avon's land records pertaining to deferments, payment schedules and assessments. Mr. Armstrong noted that if there is a change to the Town's ordinance, a public meeting will occur.

VI PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS – Larry Baril discussed the senior housing proposal by LCB Senior Living is proceeding, which will include a sewer main extension.

VII COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF – Mr. Baril provided a letter from Ms. Kathy Eagen, Town Manager for the Town of Farmington, which was sent to Mr. Brandon Robertson, regarding the planned upgrade to the Farmington Wastewater Treatment Facility. The financial terms for the Town of Avon and plans for an I/I study were discussed. Mr. Baril mentioned the Town has looked at the density factor for the Farmington Shed and other areas within the shed area that are planned to be sewerred. The current agreement in place is for a flow rate of 0.6 million gallons per day, which equates to 9.5% or approximately \$5 MM. Mr. Baril noted that the Town of Avon should not pay for a percentage of the plant upgrade if it does not benefit the Town of Avon. Mr. Robertson followed up with a letter of request to Ms. Eagen for more detailed information relating to the criteria for their upgrade. Town of Avon officials have discussed financing options such as bonding or conducting a referendum per Town Charter requirements. Mr. Baril noted that once an I/I study is underway, there will be gross I/I issues identified within the Farmington sewershed. He noted that there are significant flow rate changes during major rain storms. Mr. Armstrong followed up on Mr. Johansen's comment that if the capacity portion of the upgrade is not increased, the Town of Avon should not pay for that aspect of the plant construction. Mr. Johansen commented that it's more responsible to reduce input rather than treat more water and reaffirmed prior comments that the AWPCA's mission is to protect the Town and the environment to only treat what we need to treat. Mr. Baril confirmed that once the I/I study is complete, the results will need to be prioritized whereby the larger problems will be addressed first. Mr. Baril will have capacity information for the next meeting.

VIII COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS – Mr. Farrell noted he forwarded one name to the Town Council who approached him regarding the member vacancy on the AWPCA and suggested members alert him if they know of anyone who would like to serve. He noted the Town Council will act on the vacancy issue at their next meeting.

IX OTHER BUSINESS – None

X ADJOURNMENT -

MOTION: Mr. Farrell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Essex, Clerk