

Board of Health Minutes

January 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Thomas Klem, Chair, and members Michael Bean, M. D. and Cynthia C. Hill. Also present were Julia Junghanns, Director and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:30 p.m. **Public Comments-** there were none

7:31 p.m. Landfill gas monitoring- adjacent to new D. P. W. site

The Board is preparing for a future meeting to review the project for the new DPW Facility to be located on town owned land off of River Road adjacent to the Sandhill landfill. As part of BoH review methane is a potential concern for this project (Public Health/Environmental) as it is adjacent to the Sandhill landfill. The Board inquired as to preparation for BoH review at an upcoming meeting and information needed. Julia reported to the Board that she had communicated BoH concerns and had requested a copy of the environmental assessment regarding methane back in May 2012 at a Land Use meeting and then via email in May 2012. Also repeated follow-up inquiry as to when methane monitoring would be done via emails and meetings since then to present. Up until recently no information regarding methane on this project site has been provided to BoH although we have been advised it is being looked into or will be looked into. Julia said that she met with John M. and Don O. on January 23rd to discuss methane monitoring on the new DPW site and landfill and was advised that no testing has been done since 2009. She said that testing was then arranged by the DPW Director to be done on January 24, 2013. The BoH office received results from methane monitoring taken on January 24, 2013. One monitoring well showed a high reading for methane gas that was 35% methane or 100% LEL which is reportable to the state (this level was reported to the state via email copy by the engineering company). The monitoring well with the high reading is located on the property line between the Sandhill landfill and the new DPW site. The well is approximately 200 feet from the proposed new DPW building.

The Board had questions about testing of closed landfills and what is required. According to BoH records and the state, closed landfills are to be tested 2 times per year for groundwater monitoring and 4 times per year for methane monitoring. We are unsure if there are different requirements for the Sandhill Landfill at this time.

Mike Lowery, BoPW Chair was present during the meeting and indicated that Jeff Alberti at Weston & Sampson has been doing environmental assessments/testing in preparation for the construction of the building and BoH review. Mike said that there is information/reports from the Phase I environmental assessment and he believes that methane monitoring has been done in addition to the new methane monitoring reports received on January 24, 2013.

The Board directed Julia to send a letter from Board to J. Moynihan and the Permanent Building Municipal Committee, to request a copy of any environmental assessment reports or investigation/reports of the site.

7:45 p.m. Draft Floor Drain Regulations discussion- Sherre Greenbaum

Sherre Greenbaum is attending to review with the Board a draft of the floor drain regulations that have been modified for Wayland. Ms. Greenbaum and Cynthia Hill have been working together and with Julia on the draft regulations. There was a discussion and review of the draft regulations. Tom Klem, had questions regarding the process and time frames. Mrs Hill and Ms. Greenbaum explained that BoH adoption of these regulations is long overdue and the state is very anxious for us to comply and adopt the regulations, as we are required to do. The process will be to post a legal ad in the paper for a public hearing and then BoH will hold the public hearing. Julia said we will also do an article for the paper to bring this initiative to the public's attention and provide education on the subject. The public hearing is targeted for February 25, 2013.

TK: Motion to approve Draft Floor Drain Regulations as presented tonight. Second MB vote 3-0 all in favor.

8:05 p.m. 1 Sylvan Way -Mark & Nadine Hays, owners. Application to finish rooms in basement. Deed restriction is required.

A construction/renovation project is planned for this house. Owner Mark Hays was present to give the board a brief description of the renovations to the bedroom configuration and the proposed rooms to be constructed in the basement. There will be no increase in the existing 3 bedrooms but the house will have more rooms than what is allowed for a 3 bedroom home and they will need a deed restriction. The basement will be finished and 1 of the 3 bedrooms will be relocated to the basement. The other 2 bedrooms will remain on the 2nd floor and will be enlarged. There was a discussion about the kitchenette area in the basement and a stove is shown. The stove will have to be removed. The owner stated the basement area is for his teenage son.

TK: Motion to approve deed restriction for a 3 bedroom at 1 Sylvan Way, pending removal of the stove on the plans for the walkout basement renovation presented this evening dated January 2, 2013. Second MB vote 3-0 all in favor

8:30 p.m. Wayland Cares Heidi Heilman- Director- Public Consumption of Marijuana Warrant Article for Town Meeting

Heidi updated the Board on the Article on Public Consumption of Marijuana she has petitioned for Town meeting.

TK has done some research into the Town Bylaws and he feels that this article should be added to the existing bylaw "Peace and Good Order" (Chapter 139) regarding public alcohol consumption.

CH agrees this should be under Chapter 139 and/or to be supported by the police dept and Police Chief, as they will be behind the enforcement of this bylaw.

The Board had a general discussion and was inquiring about input from the Police Chief. The Board feels that this Article should be supported/advocated by the Police Chief and would like to know what his position is with regards to this Article. This is something that the Police Department will have to enforce and they should provide input. Heidi said that the Chief does support this Article and Julia said that she

also corresponded with the Police Chief and he said that he supports this Article. The Board would like more information on the Police Chiefs position and feels that he should advocate for this Article.

TK: Motion to support the language in the proposed article regarding public consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol as submitted, provided that the article be incorporated under Bylaw chapter 139 "Peace and Good Order". Second CH vote 3-0 all in favor.

8:55 p.m. Wayland Cares Heidi Heilman- Director -discussion of grant expiration and potential new department.

Wayland Cares is a community coalition dedicated to reducing youth substance use and abuse in Wayland. Wayland Cares has been functioning solely on grant money since 2005. Heidi said that grant money is drying up and it is becoming more competitive to obtain these grants. There is a concern about the grant that expires in September 2013 and no money will be left to fund Wayland Cares. Heidi updated the Board on the history of the grant program, when it was started, and the initiatives of Wayland Cares and what they have been doing for Wayland youths regarding substance and alcohol reduction and awareness. Emerson hospital, Metrowest Healthcare foundation, and the Wayland Public schools have local data on results for Wayland and substance/alcohol abuse levels. Heidi was explaining the impacts of Wayland Cares initiatives on reducing these levels in Wayland.

A committee was formed called the Sustainability Review committee whose charge was to study Wayland Cares, review results from their work, and make a recommendation to the town on what will be done with Wayland Cares. After review by this committee and collaboration with the committee and Fred T., John S., the decision was made to create a new department with a budget of \$102,000 to be funded with taxpayer dollars. The department would have 2 part time positions a "small grants department". This initiative has gone before the BoS.

Heidi said that the Town of Brookline has a grants department; it is a separate municipal entity. Since the early 1990's, the Brookline Health Dept. has two full-time positions, a Coordinator and a counselor (not a grant writer).

There was lengthy discussion between the Board, Heidi Heilman, and Betsey Mendyl, regarding Wayland Cares initiatives, programs, results, other town departments, other options for how to continue Wayland Cares, and other related subjects.

10:15 p.m. The Board drafted the memo for Julia to send to the Permanent Municipal Building Committee and John Moynihan regarding environmental assessments/reports/methane monitoring, etc.

10:20 p.m. **Proposed Metrowest Household hazardous Waste Collection collaborative.**

The Board had a brief discussion regarding hazardous waste days in Wayland. The Board would like staff to look into this for possible future participation. Julia will get in touch with the proponent.

10:20 p.m. **Approve Minutes of June 29, 2011**

TK: motion to accept the minutes of June 29 2011 with minor edits as amended. Second CH. Vote 3-0 all in favor.

Directors Report was reviewed by the Board.

10:30 p.m. **TK: Motion to go into executive session regarding collective bargaining between SEIU Union and the town and a memorandum of agreement. For purposes of approving minutes of Oct. 9, 2012 Executive Session when the executive session discussion regarding the MOA took place. The board will not be returning to regular session.**

Roll call to go into executive session: TK: aye MB aye CH aye

All in favor to go into executive session.

Meeting adjourned 10:35

Respectfully submitted
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