

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Facility
66 River Road
Wayland, MA 01778
January 3, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

Present: C. Brown (Chair), M. Lowery (Vice Chair), W. Baston, J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer, T. Holder (DPW Director), M. Lindeman (DPW Superintendent)

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Brown announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Brown asked for Public comment – there was none.

Water Abatement Requests

Brown discussed how the abatement process works and informed the residents that they are allowed one abatement.

110 Cochituate Road

Becky Haase, of 110 Cochituate Road, appeared before the Board to discuss her abatement request due to a leak in the irrigation system.

Lowery noted that the application was received recently and suggested waiting for a future meeting to discuss the system because it had not been presented to the Board.

Haase responded that the application and the plans had been filed with the DPW and requested that the abatement process proceed.

Haase noted that they had installed a master valve to aid in preventing future problems.

Brown made a motion to abate usage down 20% based on the average of the last three seasons billing, abating the usage down to 40,600, waiving all interest and fees.

Baston 2nd

Baston, Wegerbauer, and Mishara in favor. Lowery opposed.

Items included in the packet for discussion:

- 12/15/16 Abatement request from Becky Haase, including repair invoice and usage history

14 Moore Road

Christopher Jenny, of 14 Moore Road, appeared before the Board to discuss his abatement request due to an excessive leak in irrigation system.

Jenny discussed how the leak was found and its severity.

Lowery noted that the system was installed before the town bylaws were in place, so it is a larger system than currently allowed.

Mishara inquired about the maintenance of the system since it was installed in 1993. Jenny stated that it is serviced regularly and that there was no indication of the leak because of where it was located in the system.

The Board noted that Town bylaws allow for a 20% reduction of the water usage charge for an abatement regarding irrigation leaks, but it is not limited when there are extraordinary circumstances such as this.

Brown made a motion to set precedent on the matter and abate double the average usage of the last three seasons in lieu of the set 20%.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Items included in the packet for discussion:

- 12/26/16 Abatement request from Christopher Jenny, including repair invoice and usage history

Town-Wide Construction Project Update

Mikel Myers of TEC appeared before the Board to discuss the status of construction projects underway in town.

Five Paths Intersection

Myers stated that the Five Paths Intersection is 80% complete, and they are currently awaiting the delivery of the mast arms to complete.

Myers added that final loaming and seeding as well as final pavement markings will be completed in the spring.

Route 27 / Route 30 Intersection

Myers noted that construction at the intersection of Route 27 and Route 30 is 50% complete.

Myers noted that roadway widening, binder, curbing and drainage are finished; the remaining items are sidewalks, traffic signals, final paving, pavement markings, signs, landscaping and loam and seed.

Myers added that utility pole relocation is scheduled throughout the winter and spring, with a completion date of November 2017.

Rail Trail

Myers noted that construction is 90% complete and scheduled for completion in spring 2017, with the remaining items are finishing the Depot site and pavement markings.

Baston brought forward his concerns about the timing of the traffic light at the intersection in front of the Depot.

Myers responded that he would have it fixed.

Lindeman noted that he will pursue an easement for the drainage area.

Parkland and Charles Intersection

The Board discussed the goals and plans for the traffic from the beach.

Holder suggested narrowing the road or using paving markings as a speed reduction tool.

Mishara suggested series of speed bumps in lieu of design changes.

Myers noted that completion is scheduled for early summer 2017.

Happy Hollow Access Road

Myers discussed the completion of design and permitting in February.

The Board discussed coordinating with the Recreation Department.

Lowery suggested that the School Department be included in the process.

Myers noted that the project is scheduled for bid in March, with the contract awarded in April.

Pine Brook Culvert

Myers noted that bid documents are 90% complete, with bidding scheduled to occur immediately after Annual Town Meeting.

Discussion of MassDOT Complete Streets Program

Myers discussed the program's three-tier process for up to \$400,000.00 in funding.

Wegerbauer made a motion to support the Complete Streets Program.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Lowery stated that he would like to be copied on all of the submissions.

The Board noted that it is ultimately the decision of the Board of Selectman to adopt this program.

Discussion of Transfer Station Access Road

The Board discussed the status of DEP-required methane mitigation if the road continues to 66 River Road.

Brown made a motion to bring forth an article to improve the access road to Annual Town Meeting.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion and Vote for Articles to be Included in Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Lowery stated he would like the Board to support the article to ban Styrofoam.

The Board discussed who would have jurisdiction and who would enforce the ban.

DPW Director's Financial Report

The Board reviewed the DPW Director's Financial Report.

Lowery noted that Facilities does not pay for water used from irrigation.

Lindeman added that there has never been funding in their budget for water.

Mishara discussed the steps to place the funding in the budget and to bring to Town Meeting to change the policy.

Lowery stated there should be a database for water rate history and the different rate structures for the next water hearing.

Board Members Reports, Concerns and Updates

The Board discussed the status of hiring a Town Engineer.

Lowery noted that the issue of where to park the school busses should be discussed at a future meeting.

Baston discussed the pile of material at the landfill near the salt shed.

Lindeman replied that it is screened gravel and will be relocated to the old DPW Facility. Baston discussed the allocation of funding for having the bucket truck putting up and taking down the flags, and asked if the Fire Department will reallocate the funding since it is now the job of the DPW.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Prior to Posting

Due to a clerical error the water bill for Whole Foods Market was adjusted.

Brown made a motion to authorize the adjustments.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Brown suggested putting notification of the Town's new online bill pay system on upcoming bills.

The Board discussed the status of traffic calming measures on Stonebridge Road.

Lindeman noted the tree on Rice Road where the decision was made not to remove has been removed in error, and he is looking into who removed the tree.

Review and Approve Minutes of the 12/20/2016 Meeting

Mishara made a motion to accept the minutes of the 12/20/2016 meeting as presented.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Items included in the packet for discussion:
- 12/20/2016 Meeting Minutes Draft

Baston made a motion to adjourn.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Peters
DPW Administrative Assistant