

Wayland Department of Public Works
July 12, 2010
7:30 PM
Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
Draft

Present: Knapp, Brown, Abdella, Wegerbauer, Mishara, Ouellette, Gorham.

7:31 Knapp opened the meeting..

Public Comment

Linda Segal, Aqueduct Road. Segal described to the board the road work being done in her area by the Highway Department. She spoke of how they have worked hard on very hot days. She brought them cold drinks and let them sit on her lawn in the shade to have their lunch. She was very impressed by their hard work and the good job they are doing.

Segal also asked why the Transfer station senior permit is no different than the regular permit. Last year the seniors received more bags when they purchased their permit. This year they receive the same benefits as the normal permit. Segal asked the Board to consider giving something to the seniors – even a few bags would be nice.

Joseph Ely III, from Lynch Landscapers – Presented the Board with an irrigation permit application for 235 Commonwealth Ave. Ouellette explained to the board that any application for an irrigation permit covering an area over 5,000 sq. ft. and less than 15,000 sq. ft. must be brought to the Board for approval. Ely told the Board that the irrigation will cover around 7,000 sq. ft. A discussion ensued about the application and why it needs to come to the Board if over 5,000 sq ft. Wegerbauer would like more information regarding the reason for an application over 5,000 sq ft to come to the Board before approving.

Brown made a motion to approve the irrigation permit application for 235 Commonwealth Road as indicated on attached exhibit

2nd Mishara

Approved 4- 1 (Wegerbauer did not approve)

Water Issues

274 Old Connecticut Path – Home Owners Nancy Matza and Martin Dropkin are present
Matza asked why one needs to use/buy a bag for the transfer station. Ouellette explained that it promotes recycling. Matza told the Board that her water bill had always been consistent until the fall of 2009 when they received a bill for over \$1,000.00. Matza said she immediately contacted the water department who told her that she should check for leaks. She had a plumber check for leaks and found none. The water department checked the meter each month and found that usage had returned to normal. Ouellette told the Board that the water did go through the meter. Ouellette also said that usually a leak is found then after it has been repaired the Board can abate an amount of the bill. Discussion ensued about possible causes of the leak. Discussion ensued about guidelines for abatement.

Abdella made a motion to abate the bill to 3300 units & capital improvement fee

2nd Brown

Unanimous in favor

Ouellette pointed out that if the new meter system program had passed this leak probably would have been detected a within a month after it happened. A discussion ensued about the fixed meter program and customer service. A discussion ensued about using a phone line for the meters. Ouellette said that it would be more expensive and you would need to get Verizon involved. Discussion about showing the system with and without a phone line on a point paper. Abdella said that the Board needs to help sell the system. Discussion about the fixed meter article at town meeting. Discussion about using outside sources like Wayland Voter Network to get the word out about the system.

38 Clubhouse – Owner was not able to make meeting.

12 Holiday – Board requested that the Home owner appear before the Board and bring usage history.

Ouellette pointed out that the leak at 12 Holiday would most likely have been found early with the new meter system

Doran Road

Ouellette explained that Doran Road is a gravel road and a private way. Ouellette said that according to the town's bylaw we can grade but cannot add any fill without permission from the DPW Board. Wegerbauer asked what the cost would be to fill and grade the road. Ouellette said that it would take about 30 truck loads of gravel and about 3 days work to grade and we have enough gravel on hand. Ouellette explained that everytime a road is graded if gravel is not added then eventually the gravel goes away. Knapp told the Board that there is a gas line that is very close to the surface. Brown asked who plows the road? Ouellette said that we plow, we do have an obligation to keep the road safe.. Mishara asked how many houses and on Doran Road. Knapp said that the road is near the Middle School and there are about 15 homes. Knapp asked if the residents have done anything to get gravel for the road. Ouellette said no. A discussion about having private roads get material and then we grade the road. Knapp explained the process of making a private road a public road. Ouellette passed around photographs showing the almost exposed gas line on Doran Road. Ouellette does not want to grade the road without adding gravel. Discussion ensued about the gas line, adding fill and grading. Knapp asked if a note has been sent to the residents telling them about the gas line and asking them to get gravel? Ouelletter reads the bylaw to the Board about repairing private roads. Wegerbauer said that the bylaw gives the Board the authority to do something. A discussion ensued about the bylaw and what the board can do. A discussion ensued about the best way to make the road safe. Knapp questioned why this should come to the board before going to the residents and having them get gravel. Brown asked what the cost for the gravel would be if we didn't have any. Ouellette said about \$6,000.00. The gravel will raise the height of the road about 12" but only affect one residents driveway. Brown said that this is a public safety issue and the right thing to do is to make the road safe. A discussion ensued about repairs and grading made to other private roads. Abdella asked if school buses travel the road. Knapp said that he did not think so. Ouellette said that this is a dangerous situation.

Brown made a motion that based on the current extreme public safety threat the Board approves grading and adding sufficient gravel to remediate the existing emergency condition.

2nd Mishara

Approved 4-1 (Knapp did not approve)

Wegerbauer requested that a letter be sent out tomorrow to make residents aware of the problem on Doran Road. A discussion ensued about how quickly to act on the road.

Hidden Spring Alice Drive

Ouellette said this should be order of layout not order of conditions. Ouellette said that we are waiting for our lawyer to come back with his review of the layout. This matter was tabled until next meeting.

Directors Report

Intersection at 27 & 30 – Ouellette told the Board that this intersection has one of the first set of lights in Massachusetts. Ouellette said that the water main at this intersection is very old and needs to be replaced. Ouellette called this a top priority. He added that it is an issue if there is a fire in the area.

RFQ for engineering services – Bids will be opened on August 5, 2010. Ouellette would like a Board to sit in on the bid opening. Ouellette estimated that there will probably be around 20 bids received. Ouellette further explained that the Board member will look over bids and sit through the interviews. Mishara volunteered to sit in on the bid opening on August 5th. A discussion ensued about engineering services and how this will formalize the process for using engineering services. Brown said that he will be 2nd volunteer just in case Mishara is unable to be at the opening.

Old Connecticut Path water main project:

Ouellette told the Board that the C. Naughton firm did an excellent job on the water main project. Ouellette said that no digging was done on Old Connecticut Path. There was only one issue with one residents front yard which was torn up a little. Ouellette said that he took pictures of the work.

Bath House

Ouellette told the Board that the lifeguard area of the bath house is rotted. Staff is now using a trailer. Changing rooms at the bath house are still being used. More beach tags have been sold this year than last year.

Bennett Field

Work is complete. Difficult to get to field since you have to go through the High School construction site.

Oxbow Meadows

Work is almost done. 70% of the trail is done. We should finish the project by the end of August.

Transfer Station

Landfill capping walkthrough/ bid openin August 4th. ConCom is on board. Need environmental permit by DEP. Must put grass seed down by October 1st or we will have to wait until spring.

Curbside pick up in North Andover is \$200.00 per year. Cost is partially due to the fact that the town of North Andover let Northside carting have use of a facility in the town. Curbside in Wayland should be between \$250.00 - \$275.00 per residence.

A discussion ensued about curbside pickup. Ouellette handed to the Board a quote from Northside carting and a report from Sudbury. Ouellette told the Board that he and Bill Place agreed to try to use Sudbury Transfer Station and Wayland Transfer station one day a week and both open on Saturday. A discussion ensued about the facilities and their limitations. Ouellette said that Place has no problem telling Sudbury residents to dump bulky items only at the Sudbury Transfer Station.