

Wayland Department of Public Works
Minutes
July 13, 2010
7:30 PM
DPW Tree Hearings
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
Draft

Present: Knapp, Brown, Abdella, Wegerbauer, Mishara, Ouellette, Gorham, Lindeman (Superintendent of Parks and deputy tree warden).

Planning Board present

7:44 Murphy opened the Scenic tree hearing.

Public Comment

Cliff Lewis – Called attention to the hemlock blight. Lewis told the boards how the insect attacks and kills the trees. Lewis asked that the Town spray to take care of this problem. Lindeman told the boards that the Town hasn't sprayed for years. Money is needed in the budget to spray trees. A discussion ensued about spraying and replanting trees. Montague mentioned the possibility of using CPC funds for spraying and planting new trees.

Scenic Tree Hearing

Murphy read from the scenic tree hearing ad 'In accordance with the so-called Public Shade Tree and Scenic Road laws (MGL-CH87, Sec 3 and CH40, Sec 15C), the Tree Warden and Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing in the Wayland Town Building at 7:35 PM on Tuesday July 13, 2010 concerning tree removal on the following trees:

Sarkis told the boards about the using the People GIS database for trees for the tree hearing. Sarkis said that unfortunately the internet is down and we can't use this database tonight.

Anette Lewis opposed the removal of trees 922, 928

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to approve the removal of trees 924, 926, 927

2nd Montague

Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to deny the removal of 922, 928 and to trim only 923

2nd Montague

Unanimous

Wegerbauer for the DPW board made a motion to approve the removal of trees 924, 926, 927

2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

Wegerbauer for the DPW board made a motion to deny the removal of trees 922, 928 and to trim only 923
2nd Brown
Unanimous in favor

Wegerbauer for the DPW board made a motion to approve the removal of trees 937, 938, 939
2nd Brown
Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to approve the removal of trees 937, 938, 939
2nd Montague
Unanimous in favor

Wegerbauer for the DPW board made a motion to approve the removal of 994, 995
2nd Brown
Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to approve the removal of 994, 995
2nd Montague
Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion approve the removal of trees 996, 997, 998 at the owners expense and owner to supply 3 trees to the town for the town to plant at their discretion.
2nd Montague
Unanimous in favor

Abdella for the DPW board made a motion approve the removal of trees 996, 997, 998 at the owners expense and owner to supply 3 trees to the town for the town to plant at their discretion.
2nd Mishara
Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to approve the removal of trees 1005, 1007, 1008 and replant 2 trees in same area
2nd Montague
Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to deny the removal of tree 1006
2nd Montague
Unanimous in favor

Knapp for the DPW board made a motion to remove trees 1005, 1007, 1008, 1009 and replant 2 trees in same area
2nd Brown
Unanimous in favor

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to trim only tree 1009
2nd Montague
Approved 3-0 (1 abstention)

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to approve the removal of tree 1010
2nd Montague
Approved 3-0 (1 abstention)

Knapp for the DPW board made a motion to approve the removal of tree 1009
2nd Mishara
Approved 3-1

Wegergauer for the DPW board made a motion to approve the removal of tree 1010
2nd Brown
Unanimous in favor

A discussion ensued about the removal of tree 1011. A discussion ensued about checking the health of other trees on Pelham Island road. Lindeman told the board that he was instructed not to drive the town during the past 5 years looking at the health of trees. Lindeman said that the trees that have come to hearing during the past 5 years were brought to his attention by residents through service requests. Lindeman said that Ouellette has requested he drive the town checking the health of trees, which he will be doing from here on in.

Lindeman said that tree 1011 is a dangerous tree and it leans towards the roadway.

Mishara for the DPW board made a motion to approve the removal of tree 1011
2nd Brown
Unanimous in favor

Montague for the Planning Board made a motion to approve the removal of tree 1011
2nd Sheehan
Approved 3-1

NSTAR PRUNING

Sarki spoke of other towns that have had issues with NSTAR's pruning. Sarki recommended that the Planning Board put on hold approving NSTAR pruning on Scenic ways. Sarki spoke about the Planning Boards role and how they need a scenic road maintenance plan. Ouellette said that NSTAR had a permit and did a good job pruning on Claypit Hill Road. A discussion ensued about the limits set on NSTAR for Rice Rd. Lindeman spoke of the state law regarding line trimming. Sarkis told the boards that Lexington came up with a tree warden manual which includes line trimming.

Wegerbauer for the DPW board made a motion to approve NSTAR's request to trim as long as they adhere to the 8x8x12 rule, any exception must come before the DPW board.
2nd Abdella
Unanimous

Sheehan for the Planning Board made a motion to not approve NSTAR's request to trim until the Planning Board has put a policy in place as to what NSTAR can and cannot do.
2nd Montague
Unanimous in favor

Shade Tree Hearing

9:45 Mishara opened the Shade Tree Hearing

Mishara, Abdella, Brown, Wegerbauer, Ouellette, Lindeman and Gorham are present

A discussion ensued about old trees at Old Stonebridge. Lindeman said he believes that is under the jurisdiction of Mass Highway.

Handed a document to Ouellette from Linda Segal for Public Comment since she was unable to make the meeting.

Lindeman made the recommendation that all of the trees on the shade tree list should come down.

Public Comment – George Harris from Holiday Road expressed his concern for tree 1013. Harris said that he realizes that the tree needs to come down because its in bad shape, but said that in the past the tree has been good shade / shelter for the kids waiting for the bus. Harris would like to see a tree replanted at the spot. Lindeman said that he intends to plant 2 -3 trees in the grassy area. A discussion ensued about applying for CPC funds to plant \$100,000.00 worth of trees.

A discussion ensued about the trees that came down in the microburst on June 24th.

A discussion ensued about inventorying trees and identifying potentially hazardous trees.

A discussion ensued regarding cutting scrub before a tree is 1 ½” in diameter.

Wegerbauer made a motion to approve the removal of trees 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026 at the expense of Brendon Properties

2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

Wegerbauer made a motion to approve the removal of trees 983, 987, 988, 989, 1013, 1014, 1027, 1028, 1029

2nd Abdella

Unanimous in favor

Abdella made a motion to approve NSTAR’s request to prune the lines along Old Sudbury Road between pole 4/1 to pole 4/6 as long as they adhere to the 8x8x12 rule and are subject to monitoring by Lindeman.

2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

Brown made a motion to adjourn at 10:00

2nd Abdella

Unanimous in favor