

Wayland Board of Public Works
November 09, 2010
7:30 PM
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
Draft

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

7:36 Mishara opened the meeting.

Public Comment

Mike Lowry – regarding water rates:

Concerned about the Capital Improvement Fee. Lowry believes it's not a good incentive for water conservation. Ouellette told Lowry that he understood that the Water Board did not want to put the capital improvement on the high users because they were losing the golf courses that dug irrigation wells rather than use town water. Ouellette told Lowry that the Board voted a few months ago to do a rate study and that Mark Abrahams has been hired to do the study. Lowry asked if the study includes the capital improvement fee. Ouellette said it does include the capital improvement fee. Lowry handed out rate information to the Board, stating that it is the same information he gave the department earlier this year. Lowry asked if Abrahams was given this information. Ouellette said that he will forward Lowry's rate information to Abrahams. Lowry asked when the Board plans to discuss the water rates because he wants to attend the meeting. Ouellette said that the meeting date has not been set but it will be posted in the agenda when a meeting date has been chosen. A discussion ensued about the capital improvement fee. Ouellette asked Lowry if he received the information he had asked for at the meeting earlier in the year. Lowry said he received some of the information. Lowry handed an envelope to Ouellette and Mishara stating that it is a public records request. Ouellette stated that the Department of Public Works will respond to the request under the public records law and that there will be a cost involved. Lowry asked about a water conservation questionnaire. Lowry stated that he may start a petition if the rates including the capital improvement fee stays the way it is. Mishara said that they hired the consultant because the Board is concerned and is looking at the issue. A discussion ensued about the Vadar Water software and the difficulties in running specific reports.

Annette Lewis, Claypit Hill Road:

Lewis told the board that the prior water commissioners wanted the golf courses off of the system to help comply with DEP. Lewis said that a surcharge by betterment for the capital improvement fee would be better because residents could claim the cost on their taxes. Lewis asked how much the Board was paying for the consultant (Abrahams), and where is the money coming from? Ouellette replied \$10,000.00 from the water fund. Lewis asked if it done by town meeting vote? Ouellette replied that they don't need it there is money in the budget for consultants.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ouellette to forward Lowry's rate information to Abrahams.
- Ouellette to coordinate response to Lowry's public records request.

Wayland Weston Crew

Chris Maietta is present for the Wayland Weston Crew.

Ouellette told the Board how the Parks Department has trucked floats for the Wayland Weston Crew to and from Boston for the Head of the Charles Regatta. Ouellette said that so far they have trucked the floats at no charge. Ouellette said that the DPW cannot continue to do this. It takes personnel away from their duties and there are safety concerns. Ouellette said that he could do this on the weekend providing Wayland Weston Crew pay for the cost including overtime. Brown asked who owns the floats? Maietta said that the Head of the Charles owns the floats. Maietta described the history of Park & Rec. transporting the floats since 2000. Maietta described the history of the Crew program. Maietta said that Crew is now recognized by the Wayland schools as a varsity sport. Maietta said that members of the Crew pay Wayland Recreation \$45.00 for user fees. Maietta explained that the Head of the Charles lets the Crew use the floats all year provided they bring the floats to Boston for two weeks for the Regatta. Wegerbauer asked how much the floats are worth. Maietta replied around \$25,000.00 Mishara asked Ouellette how much it costs to move the floats each year. Ouellette said that it costs around \$1,500.00. Maietta said that there are 115 kids in Crew this year. Ouellette told the Board that he plans to ask the school committee to pay for overtime to move the floats. A discussion ensued about having Weston help with the cost of transporting the floats. Ouellette said he will speak to Mark Lanza, town counsel, about the legal aspect of moving the floats. Mishara said when an agreement is reached it should be formalized. Ouellette said that we have several months to decide the best way to handle this situation. Brown asked if only the Crew benefits from the floats or if residents can use the floats. Maietta said that residents do use and benefit from the floats. Maietta told the Board that since there is an agreement with the Head of the Charles concerning the floats Wayland Weston Crew is guaranteed at least one entry in the Head of the Charles Regatta. Maietta said that if it weren't for Parks transporting the floats they would not be guaranteed an entry. A discussion ensued about the difference between this situation and helping other departments. Wegerbauer said that the Landfill used to charge other departments so he knows it can be done. Wegerbauer said he would support the transporting of the floats but the money should come out of the High School budget. Lewis spoke up with some history about the Crew and the building near the town beach. Lewis said that the town allowed the Crew to build their building on rent-free town owned property. Lewis said they may get push back from the School Committee since the Crew had once been told that it is a club sport and that they are on their own. Maietta said that parents had approached the School Committee and they did adopt Crew as a varsity sport.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ouellette to speak to Mark Lanza about the legal aspects and liability of transporting the floats.
- Ouellette to speak to School Committee about paying for overtime to transport the floats.
- Ouellette to speak to Weston to see if they will help with the cost.

DPW Garage

Ouellette told the Board that the design article will be submitted at Spring 2011 town meeting through the facilities department. A discussion ensued about the condition of the existing facility. Ouellette told the Board that the steel needs repair to lift the sanders. This repair will cost around \$40,000.00. John Moynihan, Facility Director is currently getting bids. Ouellette continued to say that the roof needs repair and insulation which will cost around \$250,000.00. Ouellette said that he doesn't want to throw money away, but there are repairs that are desperately needed. Ouellette told the board that John Moynihan, Stephen Kadlik and himself will be reviewing the plans by Weston & Sampson. Mishara asked if a capital request for the garage will be submitted for Spring town meeting. Ouellette said that only the design phase will be going to April 2011 town meeting. A discussion ensued about the estimate for design services. Abdella said that the current garage has out lived its usable life and there are safety issues. A discussion ensued about the new building's design. Wegerbauer asked about the location for the new facility. Ouellette said that Weston Sampson recommended it go near the salt shed. Brown asked what the time line is for the new garage? Ouellette said the design phase in fy' 12 and build

in fy'13. Brown asked how long it will take to build? Ouellette said 6-8 months. Abdella asked if it is legal to build/lease in Massachusetts? Ouellette said he did not want to go that route.

Water Issues:

1. 54 Country Corners

The Board read the letter sent by the residents at 54 Country Corners asking for some relief for their very high water bill. A discussion ensued about the request and the fact that they wanted to make the repair to the leaking toilet. The Board agreed to defer the request to a later date, change the meter and ask the home owners to have their irrigation system check.

2. 11 Hearthstone Circle

The Board read the letter sent by the resident of 11 Hearthstone Circle asking for part of his high Spring water bill be excused. A discussion ensued about the needed irrigation repair being scheduled for the Spring of 2011. The Board agreed to wait until the repair was made and another cycle had past to see his true current usage.

3. 311 Boston Post Road

Ouellette told the Board that there are 2 business Condos at this address with one water line and one meter. The two condo owners are a dentist and a real estate agent. The two have had ongoing issues with each other and their issues have affected their responsibility to pay the water bill. Ouellette said that he has decided to split the water line and install a second meter so each owner will be responsible for their own water.

ACTION ITEMS:

54 Country Corners – change meter, defer request to a later date, request homeowners have the irrigation checked for leaks.

11 Hearthstone – Tell homeowner that once the leak is repaired and a cycle has gone by to approach the board again.

Discussion about the Stonebridge Road article and transferring the funds to the Sudbury Road Water main based on need. The treatment plant can pump up to 1200 gpm. The current pipe can only go up to 600 gpm. Ouellette said the main projects are #1. Old Sudbury Road #2. The intersection of rte 27 & rte 30 #3. Pemberton Road (needs a lot of work.)

Capital Budget

A discussion ensued about the priority of the Capital Budget. A discussion ensued about the fixed meter program and how to convince the residents that it is a good thing for the town. Ouellette discussed how he plans to get the word out about the program. Ouellette reviewed the capital items with the board and how they were prioritized. A discussion ensued about Hannah Williams playground and the concerns about the condition of the playgrounds and some possible ideas to make the playground better. Ouellette told the Board about an idea for a fit station for adults and the idea of an 'edible' playground that many communities are now using.

A discussion ensued about the transfer station pilot program with Sudbury. Abdella asked how many bags have been sold? Ouellette said that recycling is up but we don't have the numbers.

Ouellette handed out the month end budget sheet and reviewed it with the board.

Ouellette told the board that Manny Pacheo was promoted to Treatment Plant Manager and Mike Hatch has been promoted to Water Superintendent. An advertisement has been placed for a water worker 1 position. This position will be filled by January 1, 2011.

Ouellette handed out information about the NSTAR replacement bulb program to replace street light bulbs. We pay normal fee for 1 year then we get savings of \$40,000.00 per year.

ACTION ITEM:

Find out how many transfer station bags have been sold

Next meeting November 29, 2010.

The following meeting will be on December 13 and run by Stephen Kadlik, Highway Director

Mishara made a motion to adjourn.

2nd Brown.

Unanimous in favor.