

Wayland Board of Public Works
January 11, 2011
7:30 PM
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
Approved January 31, 2011

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

7:36 Mishara opened the meeting.

Public Comment

Linda Segal Aqueduct Road

Thanked the board for scheduling the water rate hearing for February 8, 2011. Segal said she had 2 concerns:

1. Line Items – Hydro study for Rolling Lane – wants to make sure that everyone has the information they need.
2. Water Rates – History – explained that the Water Department tried several times to have an enterprise fund. She said that it is important that money be spent the best possible way. She said other departments have an enterprise fund and that the Water Department should too, but doesn't.

Segal said that she is concerned that the fixed meter system will create privacy and security issues. Segal suggested the board consider changing the priority of the Capital items. Segal said that water main breaks should perhaps have a higher priority. Considering this economy, money is better spent towards breaks and infrastructure. Segal mentioned the importance of bringing the water consumption down to 65 gallons.

Ouellette responded by saying that one of the best arguments for the fixed meter program is that it will save the Town money.

Lynn Dunbreck

Told the board that work had been done on Brackett Road. Dunbreck said that the road was repaved in front of her house during the last week in November 2011. Dunbreck handed pictures out to the board that showed the unevenness of the road work. Dunbreck claimed that since the work was done so late there is a frost heave. Dunbreck said that the result is a 1" trip hazard. Dunbreck asked that the road be repaved across the entire road in the Spring. Dunbreck said that a gas box is high. A discussion ensued about the area. Ouellette told the board that the road is only 500' long. A discussion ensued about having the contractor come back and repair the road. The board asked Ouellette to contact the gas company about the gas box.

Woody Baston

Said he was her about the Brackett road easement issue. Baston asked if he would be allowed to speak when the agenda item came up or should he speak now? The board said he could comment when the issue came up. Baston said that he prefers to have the sidewalks cleaned off with the snow blower rather than the V plow. Ouellette explained that the V plow is faster, so the like to use the V plow first then come back with the snow blower to clean up the area.

Mike Lowry 120 Lakeshore Drive

Regarding his Sudbury landfill experience. Lowry said that he now appreciates the Wayland Transfer Station. Lowry said the Transfer Station, the people who run it and the design is just so much better than in Sudbury. Lowry expressed his concern for the future staff of the transfer station and hopes that they will be of the same

caliber. Lowry said that he hopes the board will maintain control of the staff at the transfer station since he has no confidence that Sudbury could handle the transfer station staff.

10 Bracket Road Snow Storage Easement

Parente Present

Showed the board a plan of Brackett road which showed where the existing snow easement is. Parente said that the snow is actually being plowed on their property not on the snow storage easement. Parente said that prospective buyers are changing their minds when they find out about the easement location. Brown asked Ouellette if there are any issues with putting the snow on a paper road? Discussion ensued about plowing and the snow storage easement. Parente said that the easement is restricted by Conservation. Parente said that Highway has the authority to change the easement. Ouellette said that he is meeting with Stubby in the morning then he will get a recommendation from the town planner and the planning board. Currently the snow is being spread on both sides of the property which is ideal. Ouellette asked that Parente mark out where he wants the snow storage easement moved to.

Water Issues

26 Plain Road

Jim McCormick present

McCormick told the board that he received a water bill for \$7,800.00. McCormick said that his normal bill is around \$1,000.00. McCormick said that he checked the vacant cottage he owns next to his house and found the toilet running. McCormick asked that the board give him some relief on the \$7,800.00 bill by maybe having him pay for it using the lower tier rate. Ouellette said that this meter has a high reading and needs to be changed out.

Brown made a motion to abate the 66,300 cu.ft. water bill to the tier one rate (2.80 per 100 cu. ft.) upon installation of the new meter.

2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

11 Spring Hill Road

Barbara Holtz abatement request letter dated December 21, 2011

A discussion ensued about whether or not to deal with Holtz' requests each billing period. The sense of the board was that they agree to grant her abatements as stated in the letter and have her make another request in July 2011.

Brown made a motion to abate 11 Springhill Road as stated in the letter dated December 21, 2011.

2nd Mishara

Unanimous infavor

278 Old Connecticut Path

Jennifer Baron letter dated 12/25/2010

Found current water bill to be 50% higher than normal. (\$994.00) Found a leaky toilet (receipt attached) . Made a payment of \$600.00. Requesting some relief towards the bill.

Mishara made a motion to abate \$394.00

2nd Abdella

Unanimous in favor

Action Item; Contact Board members with Town meeting dates.

Goals and Objectives

Ouellette explained to the board that the Goals and Objectives is a management tool for his Superintendents and staff. Ouellette said that last years goals and objectives were 85% complete and successful. Discussion ensued about the new Highway garage. Discussion ensued about clarification of items and showing concrete savings. Discussion ensued about the middle school & the Gayle field report. Ouellette explained to the board that this is our article not Recreations although Recreation does support it. A discussion ensued about priorities. A discussion ensued about contracting out field work. The sense of the board was that they like the list of Goals and Objectives.

A discussion ensued about the Water Department funds taken out by the town several years ago since it was not an enterprise fund. A discussion ensued about the Water Tank on Reeves hill. Ouellette said that the steel tank needs work. If a salThe steel tank may not cost anything to remove. A discussion ensued about the legality of putting a transmitter up on Reeves hill. A discussion ensued about changes 5/8 “ meters to ¾ “ meters to help flow.

Traffic Calming

Ouellette told the board that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief have not yet commented on the Draft Traffic Calming Policy. Ouellette said that the Police Chief was in favor of the Draft Traffic Calming Policy. The Draft Traffic Calming Policy will be submitted to Mark Lanza for his review. Ouellette said that the board needs to set up a public hearing. The board agreed to hold a public hearing on February 28 for the Draft Traffic Calming Policy.

The Board will hold a meeting on January 31, 2011 to talk about Waste Water going to Public Works. A discussion ensued about the process including approval from the Legislature.

Brown made a motion to approve the minute of November 29, 2010 as ammended.

2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

Mishara made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2010 as ammended

2nd Abdella

Unanimous in favor

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2010 AS WRITTEN

2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

Budget Articles – Communication Strategy

Mishara said that it is important to educate the public, elevate peoples awareness to the budget items. Mishara said that people want to know about the items before town meeting. Ouellette is in the process of setting up a public hearing for the Hannah Williams playground. Ouellette said he spoke with Cliff Kovolson who is willing to help. Ouellette said that he will look ask the Commercial Abutters to help.

Abdella made the comment that it would be nice to get feedback ahead of time from residents about any concerns they may have regarding any of the articles submitted by the Board of Public Works. Abdella said that this would give the Board ample time to look into and answer any question or concerns before town meeting.

Mishara said that they should start to push the articles in the Town Crier. Perhaps use a catchy title. Mishara said that the big ticket items may attract more people. Mike Lowry recommended the board focus on the thing that will trip you up. Be prepared to fight anticipated negatives. Ouellette suggested a reherasal. Abdella suggested each Board member champion specific articles. Mishara suggested they put together an article for the paper & website to push out to the public.

Linda Segal said that the 1/31 Fincom warrant hearing will be a good opportunity for each board to talk about their articles.

Abdella said that those people who attend the fincom warrant hearing are those the people who already understand the issues that the Board of Public Works is presenting. Abdella said it is important to spend our resources reaching out to those who aren't already with us. Abdella emphasized the desire to convince people that we are doing the right thing.

Next Meeting January 31, 2011

Mishara made a motion to adjourn at 9:25

2nd Brown

Unanimous in favor