

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
January 31, 2011
7:30 PM
Meeting Minutes
Draft

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

7:34 Mishara opened the meeting.

Public Comment

None

Water Issues

87 Old Sudbury Road

Mrs. Cossart present

Mrs. Cossart told the Board that there was a water leak in the walls. She hired a plumber who found and fixed the leak. Cossart presented the board with a copy of the plumbers bill.

Brown made a motion to charge the 15,700 cubic foot water bill at the tier 1 rate of \$2.80 per 100 cubic feet
2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

7 Squirrel Hill Road

Elaine Chertavian present

Chertavian explained to the board that they received a very high water bill and asked the board for some relief. Chertavian said that with the DPW office's help, they checked the toilets for leaks. They found that the toilets are not leaking. They then checked the meter which is now on track for a more stable historical read. They believe the problem is with the irrigation system. They will have their irrigation company check their system in the Spring. The board asked that she submit a letter from a plumber after the problem has been located and repaired. She should request an abatement after the problem has been fixed.

Mishara handed a paper titled 'What's up at the Works'. A discussion ensued about topics. Ouellette told the board that he is hiring excavating contractor to install the pumps at Rolling Lane. Ouellette said that this is a good time to do this work. Ouellette said that he is waiting on a decision from Con Com on February 14, 2011. A discussion ensued about the Recreation Board and setting up meetings with the Recreation Board twice a year. A discussion ensued about the revenue the Recreation Department receives from field money. Ouellette told the board that he needs one more maintenance person in the Highway Department. Ouellette said that they are now servicing water, Conservation and surveyor's vehicles. Mishara asked that Ouellette have Mark Lanza look at and comment on the traffic calming policy. Ouellette said that both Chief Irving and Chief Loomer are OK with the traffic calming policy. The board asked that the draft policy be posted on the web site. A discussion ensued about the fields and whose budget they should be in. Ouellette said that they should be in the DPW budget. Ouellette said that Recreation needs to tell us what they need and we can put it in. Wegerbauer said he would like to see a better handle on it.

Directors Report

Ouellette told the board that the snow budget will be spent by this Thursday. (Ouellette and Brown left to join the Finance Committee at 8:20 pm.)

Mishara made a motion to approved the minutes of January 10, 2011 as amended
2nd Abdella
Unanimous in favor

Mishara made a motion to approved the minutes of January 11, 2011 as amended
2nd Abdella
Unanimous in favor

A discussion ensued about building a recreation field at Oxbow Meadows.

A discussion ensued about how the City of Cambridge has the fixed meter program and has 3,000 – 4,000 meters installed so far. A discussion ensued about establishing an abatement policy. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Meeting re-opened at 8:41

Wastewater Commission

Lanza told the board that they did not need to vote on the Wastewater warrant article tonight.

Fred Knight and Bill Prendergast from the Wastewater Commission are present.

Knight told the board that there is an article going to town meeting to abolish the wastewater commission and transfer to the DPW and Don Ouellette. Knight said that the reasons to abolish are since they only meet once a month they do not feel that they respond in a timely matter. Knight said that currently the contractor runs the plant and John Moynihan oversees the contractor. The Town Administrator and town council handle the legal matters, town center issues and DEP issues. There is only a small amount of work that the wastewater commission does. The commission currently sets rates annually, send quarterly bills. Knight showed the board the plan of the existing building and new plant. Knight said that construction is expected to take 14 months. New building will be online by Spring 2012. Prendergast said that the new building needs to be online by September of 2012. The existing plant is 40 years old. Knight said that the new facility engineer is Tight & Bond. Knight explained that because there was no redundancy, the old plant cannot be shut down for repairs. Lanza explained to the board that this is an enterprise fund operation. Mishara asked for a rate structure sheet. Wegerbauer asked if there is a reserve fund for repairs. Knight said yes and explained. Prendergast explained that if you use more than 50% of your allocated amount your rate triples. Prendergast said that this needs to go before the legislator to be approved. Lanza said that the Legislator will go along with most any date they choose. Currently there are 3 wastewater commissioners. A discussion ensued about who should oversee the plant. A discussion ensued about the current users on the system. Knight said that Wayland Commons and Town Center have contractual rights to the wastewater plant. (Ouellette and Brown rejoined the meeting). A discussion ensued about the plants capacity. Knight said that the wastewater commission feel its right that the DPW takes over. Lowery spoke up about the NEPS permit and said that he understands that we are obligated to lower phosphorous around the river. A discussion ensued about the permit and compliance. Need a 2-5 year contract to operate the facility, an alarm system and a back up generator. Ouellette said that a typical DPW has wastewater under its umbrella. Ouellette said that he sees plant shutting down in March of 2012. Lanza spoke up and said that July 1 would be a good date.

Wegerbauer asked if Ouellette has picked a date for a fixed meter program meeting? Ouellette said that he has not set a meeting yet. Ouellette said that he wants to show that a 35 watt generator won't hurt. Brown suggested we get a list of towns that have gone to the fixed meter program. A discussion ensued about the fixed meter program.

Oxbow Meadows

Brown asked for a better understanding about whether or not the town can have a playing field there. Ouellette said that when he had his neighborhood meeting there 18 people were very vocal and against a playing field. They claimed that they were promised it would be passive recreation. Linda Segal suggested they check the language in the Oxbow Meadows (Nike Site) acquisition. A discussion ensued about the previously proposed stations around the track. Linda Segal said that CPA money was used. Information could be obtained by contacting Gretchen Shuler, Bill Sterling or Brian O'herlihy.

Action Item: put wastewater article on agenda for first meeting in March to vote

A discussion ensued about setting an abatement policy.

Ouellette told the board that the bid opening to line and clean the main on old Sudbury Road is February 16. The meeting will be held at the treatment plant.

Next meeting will be the water rate hearing on February 8.

Ouellette shows the board a pamphlet on the new GMS units he is ordering. He is ordering two different units. One for the Water division and one for the Parks division. The one for the water division will be used for fire hydrants and curb stops. The one for the Parks division will be for trees to mark location, take a picture and add text.

Linda Segal asked the board if they had any questions about the petitioners article regarding the \$500,000.00 in town free cash that was allocated for water? A discussion ensued about the warrant articles and how the selectmen choose the order of the articles.

Mishara made a motion to adjourn at 9:50

2nd Brown

Unanimous in favor