

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Traffic Calming Policy Hearing
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
February 28, 2011
7:30 PM
Meeting Minutes
Approved March 8, 2011

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

7:40 Mishara opened the meeting.

Mishara introduced the draft traffic calming policy. Mishara stated that the goal is to provide protocol procedure for residents. Mishara said that some examples of traffic calming are lighting, signage, width of road etc. Mishara pointed out that the policy lists procedures to follow to achieve safer roadways for motorists pedestrians etc. Mishara continued to say that this draft policy was customized using other town's existing policies. Mishara pointed out that page 3 mentions narrowing the width of a road, planting trees, edge of pavement, islands and other traffic calming solutions . Traffic circle, roundabouts, curb extensions, speed humps are examples of traffic calming options. If approved we will engineer the best solution with residents input.

Roger Kay, an avid cyclist who lives at 139 Glezen Lane and a long time resident stated . there are a set of speed bumps on Lexington road in Weston that work very well. They aren't noisy. They are gradual and effective. Complaints are usually a sound issue. Lexington road runs from Waltham Road to route 117. Mishara said that they sound like model speed bumps. Kay continued to say that snowplows float over the permanent mount. The speed bumps in Lincoln don't go the whole width of the road. Molly Baird, a resident who has lived 53 years on Glezen Lane said she likes the speed bumps in Lincoln. Baird stated that Glezen lane is a historic road in addition to being a scenic road. Baird said she feels the narrowness of Glezen Lane helps keep the speed down. Baird asked if anyone had ever considered making Glezen Lane a one way road? Anette Lewis (previously a member of the Wayland Road Commissioner) spoke up and said that it was considered but the road is too long to make it a one way. Baird continued to say that the one way wouldn't have to be the whole length. Perhaps consider during rush hours. Chivon Zane of 160 Glezen Lane asked what reference is used on page nine regarding emergency vehicle response time? Emergency vehicles are not supposed to drive any faster than the speed limit. Ouellette addressed emergency vehicle issues and speed bumps. Anette Lewis said that she had been told by fire Chief Loomer and ambulance drivers that transporting a victim with a back problem can be a problem going over a speed hump. The speed bump could make the situation worse for this person. Chivon said that there are speed bumps that can support 30 mile an hour vehicles with plows like the ones in Park City Utah. Ouellette said that not to long ago a fireman on a ladder truck was killed because he fell off truck after going over a speed bump. A discussion ensued about the time frame described in the draft policy from the day of request 9 or more months will pass before any traffic calming measures are taken. Chivon noted that 17 months has passed since the request from the residents of Glezen lane was made. Chivon complained that now they will have to wait at least another 9 months? Elizabeth Kugler of Parkland Drive observed that on pg 6 place there is no mention of bus stops as part of the traffic calming needs assessment. Don O addressed the need for sidewalks throughout town. A discussion ensued about keeping the roadways as narrow as possible. A lady in the audience related hearing that Realtors encourage using Glezen as a cut through. There are long back ups at intersections as a result of using Glezen as a cut through. Jan from Hazelbrook noted that there are a lot of commercial traffic that use Glezen lane. Jan asked if the town can limit the commercial traffic?? Mishara not limited to the list. Jane noted that there has been alot of data collected on Glezen Lane. She asked if that data can be used? Brown said that previously obtained information that is still current can be used. Wegerbauer reminded the audience that this is a hearing for the general policy for traffic calming, not jus aobut Glezen lane. Chivon asked if other areas have waited as long as Glezen Lane?? Anette

Lewis said yes and some roads have waited longer before anything was done. Mr. Kay said that the draft traffic calming policy looks like a pretty good policy. Discussion ensued about the policy steps. Mishara said that the board will work with Tighe & Bond, town engineer, with the help of resident input through public hearings etc. A discussion ensued about funding, grants and neighborhood money. Don went on record saying that he is not in favor of speed bumps but he works for the board and will do a good job if he is asked to put them in. Don said that he would rather find a creative solution for traffic calming. Disc about Glezen Lane and the new berm. Anette Lewis thanked the board for all of their hard work that they and the Board of Road Commissioners put into the creation of the traffic calming policy. Lewis noted that so many roads are narrow that narrowing roads isn't an option for traffic calming. Discussion about traffic studies and speed bumps. Discussion about commercial limits. Lewis said that commercial limits can only be achieved through a state process. Chivon asked what the definition is of a collector or arterial road? Misahara replied a state or numbered route. Abdella asked if there are any other questions about the traffic calming request? Abdella said that it is a citizen based request. Disc about points on pg 10. Disc about expense of a speed bump and whether or not the request will need a town meeting vote. A discussion ensued about a recent school bus accident with pick up truck on Glezen Lane. Mishara said that the traffic study assessment will look at all of these factors including accidents. Chivon said she supports the draft traffic calming policy but is concerned about time frame. Mr Key asked the Board to keep the hearing open for a week for comments. Mishara said that the board will accept information and comments through the end of the week. Discussion about where the leadership falls to meet the requirements of the traffic assessment? A discussion ensued about how the policy will work. Discussion about seeing an ultimate end goal like being able to walk along the side of the road safely. Misahara said that public input is very important. Steve Correia, Board of Selectmen member said that a lot of letters have been sent in. Does the board intend to go back over all of the letters? Mishara said that the process will have to be initiated but during the procedure the board will go over any previously sent letters and data that pertain to the project. Discussion about how policy and ranking will work. Discussion about the difference between a historic & a scenic road. Don speaks of his road survey and priority projects. Discussion about the budget and the high price of asphalt. Ouellette discussed the upcoming water line project at Glezen & Old Sudbury Road and described process. Disc about stop signs and speed signs (need state approval). Mishara said that stop signs are not considered or intended as traffic calming measures. Correia noted that the berms on Glezen are a major problems for plowers. Because of the berm the road could not be plowed wide enough. Lewis said that the berm is very important, it protects the edge of the roadway from crumbling. Thank you from the audience. Comments are due by Friday March 4th. Discussion ensued amongst the board about cleaning up draft.

Action item; vote on march 8 add to agenda
Take EK off website and emails

Waste Water Commission

Mishara said that the Wastewater DPW Merger proposal article is going to town meeting. According to Fred this was contemplated at the time of the DPW merger, but due to contract obligations couldnt be done at that time. Don will start attending meetings and get up to speed. Discussion about billing. Discussion about the Waster Water Commissions roll. Mishara said that the article involes dissolving the Waste Water Commission and transferring power to the Board of Public Works. Discussion about whether or not to give the article their blessing. Abdella stated that he has spoken with Mark Lanza, Town Council, and has cleared any conflict he may have had in dealing with this issue.

Mishara motioned the Board of Public works is in favor of transferring the responsibilities of the Waste Water Management District Commission to the Board of Public Works and in principle is in support of the related article.

2nd Brown

Unanimous in favor

Director report:

Intersection at Route 27 & Route 30 – Meeting with Mass Highway. Spoke of aerial easement. Projected for 2014 not quite on the tip list yet. The engineering firm involved in this project, Cdm, is asking for more money. They maybe asking for as much as \$25,000.00. These funds may come from Chapter 90.

Sherman's Bridge – Possible grant. 4.2 million is needed to replace the bridge. Discussion about bridge and Mass highway funding. This project will be done with Sudbury who would be responsible for half. Ouellette that it is very doubtful that we could get state or federal funding. Ouellette said that Duval Patrick has 6 billion set aside for bridge replacement. Ouellette said that Sherman's bridge is a safety issue.

Fixed network meter program – Mishara noted that Fincom said we didn't have any new data for the article. Maybe retain a consultant to draw up a study to support this program. Study findings basis to support system. Discussion about the fixed network meter program. Disappointed fincom makes decisions about what we should or shouldn't bring tot own meeting.

DPW Facility – Find people in town who support a new facility to do a cost benefit analysis. A discussion ensued about the cost of the building, the size of the building, the \$250,000 study to \$50,000 and possibly out sourcing some of the work. Need to clarify who takes the lead on the DPW facility. Wegerbauer asked who appoints the working groups or committees? Lewis said that the interested board usually appoints members. Who takes lead on the DPW Facility DPW or Facility Director John Moynihan
Action item – talk about DPW Facility at the Board of Selectmen meeting on March 21st.

Budget – Ouellette said that the Highway Budget is ok, Transfer Station is ok, discussion ensued about running both transferstations. Parks, 3 employees are being paid out of other departments Ouellette explained.

Brown mentioned that Recreation has some concerns regarding the use of the employees who are funded by the Recreation Department. Recreation feels that it would be helpful if they had some input. The sense of the Board is that someone from Recreation rather should have taken the lead on the Hannah Williams Playground rather than the DPW who is tasked with maintaining the structure.

Transfer Station – Ouellette informed the Board that they are moving forward with the consolidation of the transferstations with Sudbury. Wegerbauer expressed his concern that the Board was not informed sooner and noted that the Board had not been informed before the pilot program. Mishara noted that they need more of a funnel of information. Wegerbauer asked for feedback from users about the consolidation so far. Ouellette described the differences combining the facilities will save on capita. Discussion about users possibly saving \$20.00 per sticker. Wegerbauer expressed his concern that the savings may mean a reduction in services. Survey at landfill or online is suggested.

Mishara asked that Fred Turkington join a Board of Public Works meeting and speak to the board once in awhile. Mishara talked about the importance of joint meetings

Old sudbury road water main clean & line – Ouellette said that we are going to eliminate B (service lines) from the contract. Will start cleaning on April 1.

Our next scheduled tree hearing will be May 2nd

Ouellette will be holding the second Hanah Williams playground meeting on Monday March 7th at 6:30 pm. The third meeting will be on March 17th. Nancy White with O'brien & Sons will come and speak at the meeting.

Water Tank Fencing - Fence around water tank is a reaction to 9/11.

Mishara said that will be out of contry until town meeting. Mishara suggested that each board member be assigned an article. discuss at future meeting.

The Board agreed to hold a meeting on April 4, 2011

Mishara made a motion to adjourn at 10:15

2nd Abdella

Unanimous in favor