

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
April 04, 2011
7:30 PM
Meeting Minutes
Approved July 11, 2011

Present: Board of Selectmen, M. Wegerbauer, J. Mishara, C. Brown, M. Lowery, T. Abdella, Ouellette and Gorham

7:32 pm – Open Meeting

Public Comment – None

Discussion about Town meeting articles & how to address them and show support for them at Town Meeting. Discussion about divvying up the articles. Discussion about field renovations, including the proposed Middle School Fields. Discussion about drainage improvements including the Library, FEMA monies from the flooding. Discussion about the debt exclusion.

Discussion about the Hannah Williams playground and which vendor to deal with. O'Brien, who comes highly recommended, is on the State Bid list. Ouellette said that they will be asking for donations from area banks and businesses. An Eagle scout will be building something at the playground as his Eagle Scout project.

Ouellette told the board that every pump station doesn't meet code. We were able to get DEP to let us only do Happy Hollow now then Chamberlain. We will do one pump station at a time. Discussion about the sanitary survey.

Discussion about generators at the pump stations. Ouellette said that DEP will allow a mobile generator to support the pump stations.

27/30 – Water system upgrade discussion about funding. Discussion about putting the work out to bid. Discussion about what the project entails. Ouellette described the directional bore method that was used on the Old Connecticut Path project. Discussion about utilities and the process.

Wastewater Commission Article – Discussion about the transfer of duties if the article is passed. Discussion about responsibility and becoming wastewater commission duties. Ouellette explained that a contract operator will be hired. Discussion about connecting to sewer.

Discussion about warrant article language. Mishara suggested to speak with Mark Lanza about the language.

Jet Vac – Ouellette described the value of the Vac Truck. Lowery spoke of the environmental advantages to having a vac truck. Ouellette described the difference between a clamshell and a vac truck. Ouellette said that someone on staff will be trained to operate the vac truck. Discussion about disposing the waste.

Swap truck – versatile truck. Ouellette described the uses. We will have 2 swap trucks if this article passes. This will replace a 1993 Volvo dump truck. We will acquire the vehicle through the state bid list. Wacker/mini loader – who ever is standing still. Gang Mower replaced old gang mower (12 years old) Used April through November.

Water Issues

Regarding water abatements. Tell residents they need to find the problem, have it fixed then appear before the board to appeal charge.

Brown made a motion to start the new water rates with the billing cycle beginning after September 1, 2011.
2nd Mishara

Unanimous in favor

Discussion about creating a policy for water abatements.

Directors Report

Clean up going on April – May

Oxbow Meadows – Benches are in, seeding, some trees that were planted didn't make it. The trees were free though. General clean up going on.

Fields - Middle School fields just seeded. Need to take some fields off line to rest. Too much demand to do that now. Ouellette said that the fields open on Thursday. Some of the Baseball field infields were open last week. Discussion about the field open/close decision. The board asked that they be added to the field users list.

Landfill Cap - CDM is in the forth phase. No line under drainage ditch. Discussion about the work and the change orders.

Reeves Hill Discussion about water tank & removal. Discussion about new tank. Discussion about protecting water and the need for backflow devices.

Happy Hollow - Done drilling DEP will be out on the 15th. Now out of swamp area.

Personnel - Discussion about crosstraining and documenting same. Ouellette said that the DPW has to stay with separate divisions.

Budget - Ouellette said that the budgets look good. Ouellette said that the budgets are on track.

Water Conservation Ouellette explained the reason for water conservation. Discussion about the Odd/Even water ban.

Mishara made a motion to grant authority to the DPW Director to implement the Odd/Even water conservation and/or a full water ban subject to conditions.

2nd Brown

Unanimous in favor

Agenda for the next meeting – elect a Chair and a Vice Chair

Wegerbauer asked to discuss the upcoming transfer station sticker fees. Discussion about a Google survey for the transfer station.

May 9th is the next meeting.

9:50 – meeting adjourned.

