

**WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING**

June 6, 2011

7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Draft

Present: Abdella, Mishara, Brown, Wegerbauer, Lowery, Ouellette and Gorham

7:32 pm – Meeting Opened

Public Comment

Kim Cooke, 12 Ellie Lane

Cooke explained to the board that she was there to ask that they rescind the physical alteration permit that the DPW Director had approved for the Blacks at 16 Ellie Lane. Cooke said that the physical alteration permit allows for a substantial change to the subdivision. Cooke said that the DPW does not have jurisdiction over the subdivision. Cooke asked the board to deny or withhold the permit approval. Ouellette said that while the DPW is not normally involved in private ways when the subdivision was written up it said that the Highway Superintendent will have jurisdiction over driveway's in the subdivision. Ouellette said that he checked with town counsel who said that he, Don Ouellette, has the authority to approve the new driveway. Abdella asked if this included street openings and curb cuts? Ouellette said yes. Cooke said that more pavement will be added. Berm is being taking away which will create big problems. Ouellette told the board that he approved the permit last Thursday. Ouellette continued to say that he has been up to Ellie Lane four times. He has shown Ms. Cooke the plan. Ouellette said that he believes there will be no impact from drainage. Ouellette said that Mr. Black will be using permeable pavement so 80% of run off will drain on his property. Discussion about jurisdiction. Discussion about the decision. Discussion about the Planning Board and Don Ouellette's roll in this process. Cooke asked again that the board rescind the permit or put it on hold. Mishara told Cooke that the Board of Public Works is an 'oversight' board and will not micromanage the DPW Director. The sense of the board was that this is not the place to find a remedy for her issue. Brown pointed out that Mr. Ouellette is an engineer who he felt made an honest decision and it is not the Boards place to supervise him. Discussion about the Director's authority. Discussion about being in violation of the subdivision rules. Mishara encouraged Ms. Cooke to seek help from the Planning Board. And send a letter to the Board of Public Works with the reasons you feel the Board is responsible.

Water Issues

54 Country Corners

Jan Volk is present

Volk summarized water usage, renovations and how they did not use any irrigation. Volk said that part of the problem was a leaky toilet. Volk asked for some kind of forgiveness for the high bill and to waive the interest charge. Ouellette pointed out the following:

1. meters don't lie, that the water went through the meter.
2. If we had the fixed meter system we would have known right away if there was a problem.
3. We are currently changing all meters that have a usage of 300,000 cubic feet or more.

Brown made a motion to abate the April 2010 usage to 5250cubic feet &the October 2010 usage to 5750cubic feet and to waive all interest. On the condition that the Volk's produce a receipt from a plumber showing the leaky toilet has been replaced.

2nd Mishara

Unanimous

The board asked that the meter be replaced too.

112 Willowbrook

Marlene Newberg is present

Newburg said that she received a high bill but she has no irrigation. The meter has been changed at the property and no leaks were found. Brown made a motion to abate the bill to \$168.00. Mishara asked that they wait another period or find the problem with a plumber. Ouellette to send someone out to check, set up a time tomorrow.

12 Indian Road

\$3,500.00 water bill due to a hose left on all winter. This was found after they received large bill. All faucets were checked and turned off.

Mishara made a motion to abate the bill to \$225.00 on the condition that the leak has been corrected and that staff check to make sure usage is back to normal.

2nd Brown

Approved 4-1

20 Meadowview

Mr. & Mrs Guilley ?

Discussion about the high bill no leak was found. Used dye to check toilets. Replaced toilets and showerheads. Irrigation work was done, no leaks found. Meter has been replaced. Bill is back down to normal. Board said to go through the summer and come back to the board.

9 Apache

High Bill can't find leak. Checked toilets and irrigation for leaks. Irrigation replaced around 2004-2005. Water staff was there with irrigation company, didn't find a leak. Now only 2 people living at the home. Mishara said to put this on hold and have the irrigation company check the system. There is a history of spikes need proof of self correction or remedied. Waive interest in the process. Hold until next meeting.

10 Emerson

Asked to forgive the Capital Improvement fee. Hardship case. Has MS can't work.

Mishara made a motion to abate the \$118.00 this bill and \$118.00 prior Capital Improvement Fee for a total abatement of \$236.00.

2nd Brown

Unanimous in favor