

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WAYLAND TOWN BUILDING
May 21, 2012
7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT

M Lowery, B Goldsmith, J Mishara, T Abdella, M Wegerbauer, D Ouellette and D Gorham

Meeting opened at 7:03

Public Comment

None

Water Abatements

11 Spring Hill Road, Barb Holtz is present

Holtz explained her situation to the board. She does not qualify for the 41 C exemption.

Mishara made a motion to abate the February 10, 2012 bill as follows: \$40 off the administrative fee and \$22.50 off the water charge.

2nd Goldsmith

3 - 0 - 1 (Wegerbauer abstained)

Mishara made a motion to abate the transfer station sticker fee to \$50.00

2nd Goldsmith

4 - 0 unanimous in favor

57 Campbell Mr. Lieb is present

Lieb said he is requesting an abatement on his high water bill. Lieb had a plumber check his system. The plumber did not find a leak Henley did find a leak in his irrigation system. It has been repaired.

Meter needs to be changed.

✓ Lowery made a motion that an abatement makes sense and the Board will evaluate the numbers in August. The Board will grant an ^{abatement} ~~abatement~~ at that time, he just doesn't know how much right now.

2nd Wegerbauer

5-0

Water Billing for Public Service activities

Ouellette explained that the Beautification Committee is a volunteer group. Ouellette said that he is the one who decided to put meters at the spigots. Ouellette said that we charge them for doing the Town a favor. Each location is charged an administrative fee. Discussion.

Wegerbauer made a motion to abate the administrative fee for Beautification meters
2nd Goldsmith
4-1 approved (Lowery opposed)

Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council Old Stonebridge

Tom Sciacca is present.

Sciacca explained that he and Mary Antes are the Wayland Representatives to the Stewardship council. Sciacca told the Board the history of the Wild and Scenic designation of the river. Sciacca said that Bill Fadden is the Framingham Representative. Sciacca said that the Old Stone Bridge was used to transport a cannon from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston Harbor. Sciacca said the existing structure was built in 1852.

Sciacca told the Board that brush is coming downstream and building up against the arches of the bridge. The river needs to be cleaned near the bridge. Discussion about the grant program. The grant is open right now. Sciacca explained that the applicant for the grant must be a municipality. Their committee can't apply. Department of Public Works can apply. Sciacca said that he spoke with Brian in Conservation who said that cleaning out the brush is not a conservation issue as long as the actual river is not disturbed. US Fish and Wildlife own the river. Sciacca said that he is not certain who owns the bridge. Discussion about jurisdiction. Discussion about how to clean up the river. Boat with barge? Ouellette said that he will sign the application for the grant. Discussion.

Lowery resolved Board of Public Works supports the notion of clearing debris at Stonebridge and will offer support services will authorize the Director to sign grant request with Historic commission or other committee or other Town Board.

2nd Wegerbauer
5-0 unanimous

Water Rate Hearing

(continued from 2 prior meetings)

Don Bustin – regarding the Administrative fee Bustin asked the fee be incorporated into the rates. The Administrative fee penalizes the small user. Lowery warned that we can't set the rate so its less expensive the more water you use. Discussion about commercial costs. Discussion about the Administrative fee.

Sciacca – spoke of irrigation and those who have now dug their own well. Lowery said the Board is discussing governing the water ban for well water users as well as town water users. Sciacca said every conservation group in town will be in favor of that.

Ouellette explained the history of the retained earnings. Linda Segal had found money for water from funds from the intersection at 27/30. Abdella pointed out that retained earnings is not used to fund capital projects, it is there in case you need to replace or fix a capital item. Discussion. Sciacca said that we shouldn't be paying for something in the future. Discussion about future water projects that need to be done in town. Ouellette said that Pemberton road is up next. Goldsmith said that we must have money set aside just in case something like the membrane needs to be replaced, it cant wait until the next town meeting. Ouellette reminded the Board about the projects that were done last year. Discussion about getting town meeting approval for money before you need it. Discussion about possibly out-sourcing the water billing.

Physical Alteration Permit redraft

Discussion about editing the document. Discussion about having Kadlik and Town Counsel look at the redraft. Discussion about penalties and enforcement. Discussion about availability on the website. Discussion about how to file the application for the permit. Discussion about notifying the Building Commission that the Physical Alteration permit is granted before the occupancy permit. Discussion about the drains at Sage Hill. Mishara said that he will continue to review the document. Discussion about using a professional engineer and having plans stamped. Mishara will send a clean draft to the Board. He will insert a reference to the scenic road bylaw in the document.

Transfer Station Fees

Discussion about transfer station revenue. Ouellette said that we will begin selling stickers in 2 weeks. Maybe in August we will talk again about changing the price for next year. Discussion about current bag fees. Discussion about transfer station expenses.

Wegerbauer made a motion to reduce the transfer station sticker from \$155.00 to 150.00 per year
2nd Goldsmith
Unanimous 5-0

Abdella made a motion to reduce the 2nd car transfer station sticker from \$40.00 to \$20.00
No 2nd

Lowery made a motion to reduce the 2nd car transfer sticker from \$40.00 to \$35.00
2nd Wegerbauer
4-1 (Mishara) approved ?

Lowery made a motion to charge those residents who qualify for 41C \$50.00 for a transfer station sticker.

2nd Goldsmith

5-0 Unanimous in favor

Board members reports and concerns

Goldsmith asked for information / shopping list for the CPC. Goldsmith mentioned a newspaper article he read about a smart meter opt out in Vermont.

Mishara asked about traffic calming on Glezen. Will there will be more signs on the road? Mishara also asked to check on line painting. Discussion about the location of speed bumps on Glezen near Draper.

Discussion about following up with the residents of Bogren Lane. Wegerbauer said that he will reach out to the residents.

Lowery - regarding rocky point on Dudley pond may be interested in a land swap. Ouellette said that he will ask about getting on the Agenda for the Conservation Commission.

Discussion about the financials for the water division. Ouellette spoke of what we can show on a MUNIS report. Discussion about the Board of Public Works authority. Lowery asked to see an example of what we can create for a report. Lowery said the more information furnished by the town the better. Lowery said the Board wants an independent source to compile financial information as the Board needs it in a timely fashion. Lowery stressed the importance of the income and balance sheet the outside vendor will produce. Abdella said that he will send a message showing what the Board will want to see for reporting.

Mishara made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 pm

2nd Goldsmith

5-0 Unanimous