

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

January 29, 2014

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

T. Abdella, M. Lowery, J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer, D. Ouellette – Director

Meeting opened at 7:03 PM

(Abdella announced that the meeting is being videotaped and recorded.)

Abdella reviewed the meeting agenda.

Board of Selectmen Search for Town Administrator – Request for BoPW Member to Serve on Search Committee

Abdella formally nominated Mike Lowery to serve as representative from the Board of Public Works.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Public Comment

Abdella made a request for public comment – there was none.

26 Forest Hill Road Water Abatement

Dan Moheban – 26 Forest Hill Road appeared before the Board to discuss his recent water bill.

Lowery asked Moheban to explain the nature of the problem and the rationale for his requested abatement amount.

Moheban explained that the source of his water leak was is pool, and explained that the rationale for the requested abatement amount was to take the amount used to fix the problem and subtract it from the amount on the bill.

The Board discussed the issue and the water usage history of 26 Forest Hill Road.

Lowery made a motion to abate the water bill in question by the amount requested - \$1390.32.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

DPW Snow Removal on Hammond Way – Town Counsel Opinion / Implementation

Abdella discussed with the Board the letter he received from Town Counsel regarding the status of Hammond Way.

Lowery noted that the point of the letter was that the status of Hammond Way has changed, and the developer of 150 Main Street LLC has made the decision to plow it.

Mishara added that per Town Counsel's opinion, due to the status of Hammond Way posted with 'No Trespassing' signs, the town is not allowed to plow it.

Abdella noted that there is nothing else to discuss.

150 Main Street LLC – Discussion of the Status of Physical Alteration Permit

Abdella noted that he wants to be sure that conditions providing access to emergency services were being adhered to.

The Board discussed the issue and the Director stated that they were in compliance.

Lowery added that the permit notes the work is to be completed by June 2014.

Review / Vote on Proposed Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Lowery discussed with the Board the recent Warrant Hearing and the status of warrant articles.

The Board discussed the warrant article 'Alteration to Board of Public Works / Town Administrator Responsibilities Regarding DPW Operations.'

Lowery noted that he had a recent meeting with the Personnel Board to explain the reason for the requested change.

Lowery added that the Personnel Board voted 4-0 to not support the proposed changes.

Abdella noted that he spoke with the Personnel Board Chair, who expressed that the Personnel Board did not want to change during the process of the search for the new Town Administrator.

Wegerbauer added that he feels that the residents of the town would support the change, but understands the perspective of the Personnel Board.

Abdella made a motion to withdraw the proposed warrant article.

Lowery 2nd – Abdella, Lowery, Mishara in favor, Wegerbauer oppose.

Board Members Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Lowery noted that before Town Meeting takes place, he would like to have a review of town roads.

Lowery requested that Ouellette send sodium reports be sent to the board of Public Works when they are also sent to the Board of Health.

Lowery requested that Ouellette update the Board regarding the status of three projects: the School Street / Route 27 intersection, Old Connecticut Path / West Plain Street intersection, and Route 27 / Route 30 intersection.

Regarding the School Street / Route 27 intersection, Ouellette noted that the matter still resided with the Police Department, and he is in the process of talking with the state to include the intersection as a TIP project.

Abdella suggested the Board take a vote to endorse changes to the intersection.

Lowery made a motion to inform the Police Department that the board favors rearranging the intersection to improve safety.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Regarding the Old Connecticut Path / West Plain Street intersection, Ouellette noted that a public hearing is planned for the February 27, 2014 BoPW meeting.

Regarding the status of the Route 27 / Route 30 intersection, Ouellette noted that borings are scheduled to be done on Friday, and the project is currently on schedule.

Mishara suggested that the Board set aside a meeting to address the various traffic calming issues.

Ouellette added that the issue of traffic calming on Millbrook Road is ready for a Board hearing.

Ouellette noted to the Board the issue with residents who live on what is known as Old Stonebridge Road, where official town records do not officially differentiate it from Stonebridge Road.

Wegerbauer requested that any amendments to the DPW Capital budget be noted at the bottom of the plan.

Wegerbauer asked the Board if a traffic sensor can be installed on the traffic light at the Route 27 / Old Connecticut Path.

Wegerbauer noted that the Board of Health has requested additional testing occur on the town's wells for sodium.

Lowery added that he feels that an education of the water distribution system would help address the concerns of the Board of Health.

Ouellette noted that testing has shown that sodium levels have been decreasing.

Ouellette discussed with the Board his recent meeting with the DEP regarding the status of the landfill.

Ouellette noted that the Final Closure Report can now be completed and is in-process.

Ouellette noted that since the access road is no longer planned to be used, the clay barrier trench does not have to be constructed.

Ouellette noted that the state will allow the town to reduce methane monitoring from monthly to quarterly.

Ouellette discussed with the Board the status of upcoming interviews for vacancies within the Parks and Water Departments.

Ouellette asked the Board if they have decided how to address the status of the irrigation system for Wayland Town Center.

Ouellette suggested that regarding the area over 15,000 sq. ft., 2 meters be installed to break up the area in question.

Wegerbauer made a motion that the developer of Wayland Town Center be requested to split the irrigation system in question into two sections under 15,000 sq. ft. each, bringing the property in compliance.

Mishara 2nd – Abdella, Mishara, Wegerbauer in favor, Lowery oppose.

Lowery added that he hopes developers would consider capturing rainwater for irrigation in the future.

Public Comment

Paul Bernotas – 22 Center Street wanted to know what the Board had discussed regarding DPW Snow Removal on Hammond Way.

Mishara explained the change in status of Hammond Way – the Highway Department has been ordered to stop plowing the road, and the owner of the property is responsible for plowing.

Bernotas discussed with the Board the nature of the issue and speculated on the reason the road may have been posted as ‘private’ by the owner.

Abdella explained the status of the 150 Main Street LLC Physical Alteration Permit, noting that it essentially amounted to changes in curb cuts.

Review and Approve Minutes; Status of Posting to Web Page

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the January 13, 2014 BoPW Meeting and noted several amendments.

Lowery made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Wegerbauer noted to the Board that the Lacrosse organization would like a ball wall constructed, and wishes to know where the request should be directed.

Ouellette responded that they should approach the Recreation Department, School Department, and the Facilities Department.

Abdella made a motion to adjourn.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.