

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland DPW Garage

March 24, 2014

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

T. Abdella, B. Goldsmith, M. Lowery, M. Wegerbauer (Arrived 7:57), D. Ouellette - Director

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

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

Abdella opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

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

Water Bill Abatement – 140 Oxbow Road

Richard Raihill, 140 Oxbow Road appeared before the Board to discuss his water. Raihill noted that he regularly gets brown water at his residence, and seeks abatement due to the amount of water he must use to flush the brown water from his home.

Lowery asked Ouellette about the flushing of water lines.

Ouellette noted that the water department tries to flush the system twice a year, weather permitting.

Lowery asked when the last time the hydrant near him was flushed.

Ouellette replied that it was done last fall.

Goldsmith asked if a sand filter could be installed, and suggested that it be considered as a capital budget item for next year.

The Board continued to discuss the water usage history of 140 Oxbow.

Abdella noted that he feels the town has a responsibility to provide clean water, and discussed ways to rectify the issue of brown water.

Lowery made a motion to abate the water usage of 140 Oxbow to 4000 cubic feet, waiving all interest and late fees. Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

Water Bill Abatement – 29 Hazelbrook Lane

Iliana Nunn, 29 Hazelbrook appeared before the Board to discuss her recent water bill.

Abdella noted that typically requestors are asked to wait one cycle prior to granting abatement, and suggested that she may want to return after the next billing cycle to seek abatement.

The Board continued to discuss the issue with Nunn, and Nunn determined that she wished to seek abatement immediately.

Abdella made motion to abate from 20500 to 11800 cubic feet, waiving any interest and fees. Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

Abdella asked Nunn about the quality of her water.

Nunn replied to the Board that she does have occasional instances of brown water in her home.

Abdella requested that the previous motion and vote be struck, and Nunn's abatement be modified to account for the instances brown water.

Lowery made a motion to abate the water usage of 29 Hazelbrook down to 10200 cubic feet, waiving all interest and late fees. Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion and Review of Proposed Changes to Water Department Billing Schedule

Ouellette discussed potential changes to the water department billing schedule and distributed a letter detailing the changes to the Board for review.

Lowery asked if the commercial bills would be changed.

Ouellette responded that they would remain quarterly.

Lowery made a motion that the proposal be adopted, beginning in October. Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion on Annual Town Meeting DPW / BoPW Related Articles

Lowery distributed a draft memo to be presented at 3/26/2014 the Finance Committee, requesting that they reconsider their recent decision to remove the Route 20 and Pinebrook Road water main replacement from the capital budget.

The Board discussed a recent vote to not support the Rivers Edge development by Conservation Committee, under the premise the site may need to be used as an alternate location for the transfer station.

Abdella noted that it would not be economically feasible to relocate the transfer station if the access road is lost, making the reasoning behind the Conservation Committee decision flawed.

Lowery made a motion that he would like the Board to request the Town Administrator contact the DEP, and request that they issue their order of conditions regarding the transfer station access road prior to Town Meeting. Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

The Board discussed the status of the Capital Budget, as well as the status of other articles to be presented at Town meeting that involve the DPW.

The Board discussed when they will next meet, and agreed to post a meeting for 6:30PM on 4/3/2014 just prior to Town meeting at the Field House.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Regarding the Town Administrator Search Committee, Lowery discussed with the Board the status of the search of the new Town Administrator.

Lowery discussed a letter that the Board received from a resident of Glezen Lane regarding traffic restrictions on the road.

Ouellette noted that it is an issue best addressed by the Board of Selectmen.

Ouellette discussed with the Board the process of putting sand on the beach and the current status of the project.

Ouellette distributed to the Board a news article from the *London Times* discussing the town's recent issues involving wastewater billing.

Ouellette noted to the Board that he has the agreements in place to eliminate the need to install a permanent generator at the Happy Hollow well site, saving approximately \$200,000 on the project.

Ouellette updated the status of the inter-municipal agreement with Sudbury for the River Road water main fire service connection.

Ouellette discussed the status of work on the Chamberlain Well Chemical Feed upgrades.

Ouellette discussed the status of the athletic fields, noting that it is doubtful the fields will be open by 4/15/2014, instead estimating they will be open between 4/15/2014 and 5/1/2014.

Ouellette provided for the Board's review the 75% design plan of the Route 27 & Route 30 intersection.

Ouellette discussed the status of street sweepings with the Board, including materials found in them and options for disposal.

Review and Approve Minutes; Status of Posting to Web Page

The Board reviewed the minutes of the 3/10/2014 meeting.

Goldsmith noted a spelling correction on page four.

Lowery made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 3/10/2014 as amended. Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the 3/17/2014 meeting.

Regarding the discussion of the upcoming NSTAR tree trimming schedule, the Board requested that the minutes be clarified to note that the discussion focused on the trimming around distribution lines.

Goldsmith a motion to accept minutes as amended. Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Public Comment

Richard Turner, 7 Nob Hill Road noted that an asphalt patch put on Bracket Road by National Grid is failing and needs to be inspected.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 hours Prior to Posting

Ouellette discussed with the Board the scope and nature of the SuAsCo Water Management Act Planning Project.

Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn, Abdella 2nd, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM