

# WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

September 10, 2014

7:00 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

M. Lowery (Chair), C. Brown, J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer (Arrived 7:26 PM),  
S. Kadlik (Director)

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

(Lowery announced that the meeting is being videotaped and recorded)

Lowery opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Lowery made a request for public comment

### **Public Comment**

Gordon Cliff, 2 Highfields Road – Discussed with the Board his concern with the high number of accidents at the Rice Rd. / Old Connecticut Path / Pinebrook Rd. intersection.

Cliff noted that he has discussed the status of this intersection with Police Chief Irving, who according to Cliff, agreed that it is an issue.

Lowery reviewed photos he took of the intersection in question with the Board.

Cliff described that, in his opinion, visibility in the intersection is poor.

Kadlik noted that most of the shrubbery and trees effecting visibility are on private property.

Kadlik added that he has discussed adding additional signage to the area of the intersection with Chief Irving.

Lowery reviewed a public comment submitted via e-mail from Barbara Holtz, 11 Springhill Road, regarding signs in town that are obscured by overgrowth.

Kadlik noted that a DPW Service Request had been generated regarding this issue.

At 7:10 PM, Lowery ceded the Chair to Brown.

### **Water Abatement Requests**

Brown explained the water abatement process and how abatements are processed.

Lowery discussed recent Board of Public Works policy changes to abatements for irrigation issues.

Lowery described recent changes initiated by the DEP regarding State water regulations.

### **51 Barney Hill**

John Michalczyk, 51 Barney Hill, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Michalczyk provided a completed irrigation application permit to the Board.

Brown made a motion to abate the 11/8/2013 water bill of 51 Barney Hill Road from 18,400 cu. ft. to 8700 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brown and Mishara in favor, Lowery opposed.

### **75 Claypit Hill**

David Wood, 75 Claypit Hill, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Wood provided a completed irrigation application permit to the Board.

Brown made motion to abate the 2/6/2014 water bill from 26,300 cu. Ft. to 4500 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lowery expressed that he was uncertain if the increased usage could be attributed solely to the leak in the basement, and advised the resident of the Board's on-time policy for granting abatements.

Brown and Mishara in favor, Lowery opposed.

(Wegerbauer arrived at 7:26 PM)

### **4 Cobblestone**

Neil Hornstein, 4 Cobblestone, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Lowery suggested that the DPW Office ask if properties have irrigation at the time of scheduling final water readings.

Brown made motion to abate the 2/6/2014 water bill from 36,600 cu. ft. to 20,900 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wegerbauer, Brown, and Mishara in favor; Lowery opposed.

## **29 Davelin**

Asim Qureshi, 29 Davelin, appeared before the Board to discuss her request for abatement.

Brown made a motion to abate the 12/23/2013 water bill from 26,400 cu. ft. to 10,700 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lowery amended the motion to reduce the amount of the abatement by half, due to having two separate leaks – toilet and irrigation.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup> Lowery's amendment.

Lowery in favor; Mishara, Brown, and Wegerbauer opposed – amendment fails.

All in favor of original motion.

## **5 Ellen Mary**

Susan Karelitz, 5 Ellen Mary, appeared before the Board to discuss her request for abatement.

Brown noted that Karelitz's irrigation company has checked for leaks, and none were found.

Brown suggested that her request for abatement be delayed until the issuance of the next water bill.

Karelitz noted that she has been monitoring her meter and has seen no sign of any issues.

Wegerbauer noted to Karelitz that if she is granted an abatement tonight, she will not be able to request an abatement for the same issue in the future.

Karelitz agreed to delay her abatement request until after the next water bill is issued.

Lowery noted that in his opinion, some portion of the bill should be paid prior to her abatement request hearing.

Brown made a motion that as a good-faith effort, Karelitz pay the amount \$2309.00 towards her water bill, waiving all interest and penalties. Karelitz's request for water abatement will be delayed until after the issuance of her next water bill.

All in favor.

**159 Glezen**

Maria Apse, 159 Glezen, appeared before the Board to discuss her request for abatement.

Brown made motion to abate the 2/6/2014 water bill from 19,700 cu. ft. to 8300 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wegerbauer, Brown, and Mishara in favor; Lowery opposed.

**20 Lewis**

Elizabeth Brewer, 20 Lewis, appeared before the Board to discuss her request for abatement.

Brown made motion to abate the 2/6/2014 water bill from 38,500 cu. ft. to 15,800 cu. ft., waiving all interest and fees.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wegerbauer, Brown, and Mishara in favor; Lowery opposed.

**212 Oxbow**

Alexander Zeidel, 212 Oxbow, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Brown made a motion to abate the 2/6/2014 water bill from 10,200 cu. ft. to 5800 to cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**45 Three Ponds**

Sarah Falber, 45 Three Ponds, appeared before the Board to discuss her request for abatement.

Falber noted to the Board that she may wish to delay her request until the issuance of her next water bill, as she has been unable to find any leaks.

Lowery made motion to waive interest and fees until the abatement is settled.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**35 Williams**

Warren Reichten, 35 Williams, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Brown made motion to abate the 2/6/2014 water bill from 14,700 cu. ft. to 8200 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

## **17 Winthrop**

Fred Goldman, 17 Winthrop, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Brown made a motion to abate the 12/23/13 water bill from 31,400 cu. ft. to 12,300 cu. ft., waiving all interest and penalties.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Brown ceded the chair at 8:04 PM to Lowery.

## **Discussion of the Status of the School Street / East Plain / Route 30 Intersection**

Lowery discussed with the Board the recent discussion amongst the Board of Selectmen on this issue, and their apparent preference for 'Option 3', as presented by TEC.

Brown noted the Board favored 'Option 1' due to its significantly lower cost.

Kadlik discussed the process of funding the proposed improvements to the intersection, noting that the source of funding would fall upon the Town.

Kadlik noted that 'Option 3' involves modifying park land, where any land that is taken needs to be replaced at the ratio of 2.5:1.

The Board discussed the proposed changes to the intersection under 'Option 1'.

Mishara discussed the impact changes to the intersection would have on the entrance and exit to the Villa Restaurant.

Brown requested that the opinion of Town Counsel be sought regarding the taking of park land.

The Board discussed with Kadlik the timeline for implementation of changes to the intersection.

## **The Board discussed the current status of traffic calming on Glezen Lane.**

## **Discuss Potential Wayland Projects to be Funded through the \$2.5M from Environmental Bond Bill**

Lowery noted that the Board of Selectmen had asked the Board of Public Works for a list of potential projects to be funded.

The Board discussed a list of projects, as contained in the 2007 Tata & Howard Capital Efficiency Report. This list was provided to the Board of Selectmen for review.

Kadlik discussed a recent meeting with Tata & Howard regarding the status of water projects.

Kadlik noted that the Rt. 20 water main project is currently under way, and the Pinebrook water main project will commence immediately afterwards.

**Executive Session: Enter Executive Session to Review Landfill Access Road Appeal WET-2014-012 with Town Counsel**

Lowery made motion that the Board of Public Works enter into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) for the purpose of reviewing litigation strategy of the Landfill Access Road Appeal WET-2014-012.

Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wegerbauer – aye, Brown – aye, Lowery – aye, Mishara – aye.

Lowery invited attendance by Steven Kadlik, DPW Director, and Dan Cabral, DPW.

Wegerbauer 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wegerbauer – aye, Brown – aye, Lowery – aye, Mishara – aye.

Lowery noted that the Board will reconvene in open session in approximately 30 minutes.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:34 PM

**DPW Director's Report**

Lowery requested that Kadlik copy the Board when he emails his Director's Report to the Board of Selectmen.

Kadlik discussed the status of abandoned barrels on Conservation Land and discussed their removal.

Kadlik noted that he had discussed the issue with Fire Chief Smith, and the fire department had examined the barrels for the existence of hazardous materials.

Kadlik noted that during the process of removing the barrels, the foot bridge accessing the area gave way, causing the DPW's equipment to fall.

Kadlik noted that there was no leakage from the DPW equipment, and the DPW has since repaired the bridge.

Kadlik discussed a recent water main break on Sedgemoor Road and discussed plans to replace sections of water main in the area.

Kadlik noted that damage to private property at 14 Sedgemoor occurred as a result of the break, and information regarding the damage was turned over to the Town's insurance company.

Kadlik discussed recent work completed by the DPW to maintain school grounds.

Kadlik noted that the intersection of Parkland and Charles is currently out for design by TEC.

Wegerbauer asked about the status of requested signage on Rice Road.

Kadlik replied that the signage has already been placed.

Kadlik discussed with the Board the recent theft of street signs from Thompson Street, and noted that signs have been replaced.

Lowery asked that an open invitation be extended to new Town Administrator Nan Balmer to attend any Board of Public Works Meeting she would like to.

Kadlik discussed with the Board progress on the new DPW Facility.

Kadlik discussed the status of the progress on Happy Hollow Well upgrades.

Kadlik discussed the progress of upgrades to the Transfer Station with the Board.

Kadlik discussed the status of the Rt. 20 water main replacement project.

Lowery discussed work being done by National Grid on Rt. 20.

Kadlik noted the work is through MassDOT, not the DPW.

The Board discussed the status of the intersection of Old Connecticut Path & West Plain Street.

Wegerbauer discussed the status of scheduling an upcoming traffic calming hearing.

Kadlik noted that the only official traffic calming request he currently has is for Pequot.

Wegerbauer inquired about the status of traffic calming on Glen Road.

Lowery discussed the status of traffic calming on Pelham Island Road.

Wegerbauer requested that Glen Road be added to list of Traffic Calming issues.

Mishara requested that a traffic calming hearing be scheduled for 10/15/2014 at the Public Safety Building.

Mishara noted that next meeting is scheduled on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, and suggested that it be moved to Tuesday, 9/23/2014.

### **Purchase of Speed Monitoring Equipment for Traffic Calming Requests**

Wegerbauer noted that he does not see the need for additional traffic calming equipment.

Kadlik clarified that Chief Irving advised him it is not necessary to purchase additional equipment.

### **Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates**

Brown discussed the status of extending the sidewalk on Rt. 27.

Kadlik noted that there is \$65,000 available, but as designed it is his opinion that the project would cost over \$200,000.

Brown noted that Town Planner Sarkis Sarkisian told him that only \$30,000 more is needed to finish the project.

Linda Segal, 9 Aqueduct – Noted that the \$65,000 estimate was provided when the ZBA issued the 40B permit in 2006.

Lowery asked what the cost for a proper estimate on the project would be.

Kadlik replied that an estimate by TEC is almost done, and \$6500 has been spent on it to date.

Lowery suggested that the Board may wish to co-sponsor an article with the Planning Board to get the funding to install the sidewalk.

Lowery discussed the status of appointing a member of the Board of Public Works to the River's Edge Advisory Committee.

Lowery noted that Counsel's opinion was that there would be no conflict of interest for a Board of Public Works member to serve on the River's Edge Advisory Committee.

Lowery added that he disagreed with Counsel's opinion.

Lowery noted that the Board is obliged by the public's vote at Town Meeting to appoint a member to the committee.

Brown made motion to appoint Mike Wegerbauer as Board of Public Works representative to the River's Edge Advisory Committee.

Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Brown, Lowery, and Mishara in favor; Wegerbauer abstain.

### **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

Kadlik noted that Tom Abdella is now the liaison between the Finance Committee and the Board of Public Works.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

Mishara made motion to approve the minutes of the 8/27/2014 meeting.

Wegerbauer 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Wegerbauer asked that all information on open traffic calming hearings be compiled for Board members' review.

Brown suggested that the Board discuss the process of holding traffic calming hearings at the next meeting.

Mishara made motion to adjourn.

Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM