

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Public Safety Building

November 19, 2014

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

M. Lowery (Chair), C. Brown, J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer, S. Kadlik (Director), Lt. Swanick (Wayland PD)

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM

(Mishara announced that the meeting is being videotaped)

Mishara opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Mishara asked for public comment – there was none.

Traffic Calming Overview

Mishara explained the roles of the Board of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen in the traffic calming process.

Status of Data Gathering for Pelham Island and Glen Roads

Lowery noted that traffic and accident data was recently received from Glen Road, and accident data from Pelham Island Road has been received as well.

Lowery asked if traffic data for Pelham Island Road had yet been received.

Kadlik noted that he received the Pelham Island Road traffic data today.

Traffic Calming Hearing: Millbrook Road

Swanick described the traffic data acquired from Millbrook Road in separate counts taken on July 1, 2013 and October 2, 2013.

Mishara asked what Swanick's opinion of the data was.

Swanick noted that in his opinion he felt that there is not a major speeding problem on Millbrook Road, but it is an area of concern.

Kadlik described the process by which MassDOT sets and adjusts speed limits.

Mishara asked Swanick about the 5-year accident history on Millbrook.

Swanick noted that there were 12 accidents over 5 years, with 3 involving personal injury.

Mishara asked Swanick if he feels the accident rate is a concern.

Swanick replied that in his estimation the accident rate for Millbrook Road is about average.

Colleen Upham of 18 Millbrook Road noted that there are a large amount of young children who live on the street, and described the signage currently on the street.

Hillary Mele of 40 Millbrook Road asked how speed limit could be changed.

Lowery noted that there is a process to be initiated by the Board of Selectmen, who then petition the state consider changing the speed limit.

Lowery asked where the speed data was taken.

It was determined that data was taken in the area of Nob Hill Road as well as the area of the Mill Pond Creek crossing.

Drew Cocoran of 23 Millbrook Road described the increase in cut-through traffic Millbrook Road has experienced recently.

Mishara explained the process of funding the installation of speed bumps.

Lowery asked the Millbrook Road residents present where they felt the speeding issue is most prominent.

The residents identified the section of Millbrook Road in the vicinity of the intersection of Glen Road.

Mishara suggested that a recommendation be made to Police Chief Irving to explore increased signage along Millbrook Road.

Lowery added that existing signage should also be inspected for any visibility issues.

Kadlik suggested the installation of a solar-powered LED speed limit sign on Millbrook Road.

Brown made a motion that the Board request Kadlik and Irving evaluate signage on Millbrook Road and recommend to the Board of Selectmen any additional signage they deem necessary.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Review and Approve Minutes

Mishara noted a correction to be made at the bottom of page 5.

Brown made motion to approve the minutes of the 11/13/2014 Meeting as amended.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

The Board discussed the scheduling of upcoming meetings.

It was determined that meetings for December would be on the 3rd and 17th.

Kadlik discussed a cost estimate of \$24,500 received from Tata & Howard for the completion of an updated Capital Efficiency Report.

Lowery made a motion that the proposal be accepted, with the updated Capital Efficiency Report paid for from the Water Enterprise Fund.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Lowery discussed a proposal received from Lisa Eggleston to conduct drainage assessment for the Wayland High School Turf Field.

Observe that Kadlik noted that such proposals must be directed to the DPW Director, because the BoPW has no purposing authority.

Brown noted that his opposed to doing the study due to potential issues that may arise resulting from the assessment of the field, and noted that water tests done at the well have never shown any issues.

Lowery suggested discussion of the turf field drainage assessment be placed on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Kadlik noted that the plans for the reconfiguration of the intersection of Parkland and Charles are in, and a status update will be on next agenda.

Kadlik noted that he is seeking to obtain cost estimates on the construction of the Happy Hollow Well access road.

Lowery requested that on next agenda discuss the status of the Community Pool water account.

The Board took a recess at 8:07, to reconvene at 8:15 for the Pequot Road Traffic Calming Hearing.

The Board reconvened at 8:15

Traffic Calming Hearing: Pequot Road

Mishara described the Traffic Calming Policy of the Board of Public Works, describing the Board's role in traffic calming measures as well as the role of the Board of Selectmen.

Swanick described the results of the traffic count conducted on Pequot Road in July, 2013.

Swanick described the 5-year accident data for Pequot Road.

Swanick noted that the accident data puts Pequot Road at a below average level, but traffic data does indicate that there is a speeding problem on Pequot Road.

Lowery noted that it appears there is significant speeding in the area of the elementary school and asked how often enforcement is done in the area.

Swanick replied that officers are conduct enforcement on Pequot Road almost daily.

Lowery noted that increased enforcement would potentially generate a large amount of revenue.

Mishara asked if school buses speeding are an issue on Pequot.

Swanick noted that the larger vehicles on narrow roads appear to be travelling faster than they are, but he is unsure if it is an issue although he has several complaints.

Carol Place of 40 Pequot Road asked if there is any plan to do a traffic count now that school is in session.

Swanick replied that he is unaware of any pending traffic counts on Pequot Road.

Rick Greene of 26 Pequot Road asked what accidents were recorded in the accident history data.

Swanick noted that the accidents represented are only those that police responded to.

Greene noted that traffic travelling downhill from Cochituate Road contributes to the speeding issue on Pequot Road.

Swanick proposed that portable crosswalk signs be installed at crosswalks on Pequot Road.

Brown noted that there are no stop signs at the intersections of Goodman Lane, Juniper Lane, and Happy Hollow Road intersections.

Kadlik discussed options for additional signage on Pequot Road.

Lowery noted that a sign warning of a reduced speed limit should be considered.

Brown described motion-activated LED speed limit signs that could be considered for installation on Pequot Road.

Katherine Fuller of 42 Pequot Road asked how a motion-activated LED speed limit sign could be requested.

Brown described the process of requesting the sign through the Board of Selectmen.

Mishara explained the process of funding the installation of speed bumps.

Lowery noted he would like to see heightened enforcement along Pequot Road, and asked how many tickets have been handed out on Pequot in the last year.

Greene expressed his concern regarding the adverse effects speed bumps would have on the flow of traffic on Pequot Road.

George Place of 40 Pequot Road noted that in his opinion, increased enforcement would address the speeding issue on Pequot Road.

Kadlik noted that police manpower limits the amount of enforcement that could be done on the road.

Mishara asked if an electronic sign similar to the one used on Main Street by the Middle School could be installed on Pequot Road.

Kadlik noted that the signs are expensive, and require a power source.

Elizabeth Markey of 49 Pequot Road noted that installation of one electronic speed sign would likely be more cost-effective than the installation of several speed bumps.

Brown noted that signage issues should be addressed prior to taking additional measures.

Kadlik noted that intersections on Pequot Road could potentially be narrowed up when the road is resurfaced.

Lowery noted he would like to see traffic counts taken while school is in session.

Mishara asked the residents of Pequot Road in attendance if there is general support for increasing the signage on Pequot Road.

The residents present confirmed that there is support.

Brown made a motion to recommend that stop signs be installed at Goodman Lane, Juniper Lane, and Happy Hollow Road; request that Kadlik and Irving draft a recommendation for the installation of increased signage to the Board of Selectmen; and request that Kadlik determine recommendations to modify the intersections of Juniper Lane, Goodman Lane, and Happy Hollow Road.

Mishara 2nd, Brown, Mishara, Lowery in Favor. Wegerbauer abstain.

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

Lowery noted that in reviewing the Community Pool water account data, there was a \$6k credit extended by the former DPW Director, and requested that it be placed on a future agenda for a Board vote.

Brown discussed a notice distributed recently by the Water Division notifying residents in his neighborhood of an impending water shutoff, and expressed his appreciation for the manner in which they were informed.

Kadlik discussed with the Board the status of the water account for 16 Saddlebrook Lane, and expressed his concern that the home has two meters installed.

Wegerbauer noted that a discussion of the account status of 16 Saddlebrook Lane would be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Brown expressed his opinion that if one of the meters is removed for the convenience of the Water Division it should be at the expense of the DPW, but if it is removed due to a violation of law, the cost should be incurred by the homeowner.

Mishara made a motion to adjourn.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.