

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

February 5, 2015

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

C. Brown (Chair), M. Lowery, J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer, S. Kadlik (Director)

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

(Brown announced that the meeting is being videotaped)

Brown opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Brown asked for public comment – there was none.

Water Abatement Requests

5 Ellen Mary

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

Karelitz discussed with the Board the nature of her abatement request.

Mishara asked Karelitz if she had found any specific leaks.

She replied that she did not, but her usage has since returned to normal.

Mishara made a motion to abate her bill down to 28,200 cubic feet, waiving any interest and late charges.

Brown 2nd.

Lowery noted that he disagreed with granting abatement, as there was no leak was found.

Brown and Mishara in favor. Lowery opposed. Wegerbauer abstain.

Motion passed 2-1-1.

11 Old Weston

Matthew Menner of 11 Old Weston appeared before the Board to discuss his request for water abatement.

Menner discussed with the Board the nature of his abatement request.

Mishara made a motion to abate to 18,000 cubic feet, waiving any interest and late charges.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

12 Park

Amit Mehta and Nela Gandhi appeared before the Board to discuss their request for water abatement.

Mehta and Gandhi discussed with the Board the nature of their abatement request.

Brown noted that as they are new residents, he recommended they wait a year before determining an abatement amount that is fair.

Mishara made a motion to delay issuing an abatement until more usage data is gathered, waiving all interest and fees.

Public Discussion for use of Former Nike Site

Brown described the status of the Nike Site and the Recreation Commission's desire to place an athletic field on the site.

Gretchen Schuler, Chair of Community Preservation Committee, expressed her support for the sight to be used as an athletic field.

Mishara noted that one concern about the area is a lack of parking.

Lowery noted that this will expand the number of grass fields that the DPW will be responsible for, and expressed his concern for the budgetary and manpower impact on the Park Division.

Brown expressed his support of the fields, but agreed with Lowery's concern.

Lowery noted that if the Board is in favor of this, the necessary action would be a Board vote to co-sponsor the article.

Mishara noted that the discrepancy in the compensation the Park Division receives compared to what is expended in field maintenance needs to be addressed prior to installing new fields.

Brud Wright, chair of the Recreation Commission, appeared before the Board to discuss the status of the site, as well as the associated field maintenance costs incurred by the DPW.

Lowery made a motion that the BoPW offer to co-sponsor the article with the Recreation Commission & Community Preservation Committee.

Wegerbauer 2nd. All in favor.

Discussion of Town Public Skating Areas

Brown discussed the status of Mill Pond, and noted that the Board erred in not consulting with the Recreation Commission prior to initiating ice skating, and will do so in the future.

Kadlik noted that the DPW does not currently have any equipment capable of safely removing the amount of snow currently on the pond.

Brud Wright expressed his support for the use of Mill Pond as a community skating area.

Brown noted that next fall the Board will have discussions with the Recreation Commission to develop a plan for using Mill Pond as a skating area.

Wright asked what Town Counsel said about the Town's liability.

Brown replied that the town has no liability as long as the area is free to use.

Lowery discussed the history of the Pond's use and how it came under the purview of the Town.

Lowery made a motion that the Mill Pond area be designated Adams Park.

Brown 2nd.

Wegerbauer noted that he was unsure if park land can be named after a person.

Brown suggested the motion be tabled until a determination on the name can be made by Town Counsel.

Discussion of Proposed Hydro-Raking of Mill Pond by SWQC

Tom Largy, of the Surface Water Quality Committee (SWQC), appeared before the Board to discuss the status of Mill Pond, and noted that the SWQC is considering Hydro Raking the Pond.

Largy described the hydro-raking process and noted that the SWQC believes they have enough funds to conduct the project.

Brown asked if the DPW has the manpower and equipment to remove and dispose of the rakings from the pond.

Kadlik noted that the biggest issue would be how to dispose of the rakings removed from the pond.

The Board discussed the potential role the DPW would have in the hydro-raking.

Lowery made a motion that the Board encourage the SWQC move forward with its notice of intent, and the SWQC discuss with the DPW the extent of their involvement in the process.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Update on River's Edge Property

Brown noted that at the last meeting, a list of items was presented to the Board noting the DPW's uses of the site and the potential costs associated with relocating those uses.

Brown noted that the minimum area needed would be two acres, and asked that if no suitable area is found, would the town would support increased budgets for the removal and disposal of material.

Mishara asked if any alternative sites have been identified within the town.

Mishara asked if any room is available at the Transfer Station.

Kadlik noted that there is not enough room at the Transfer Station.

Mishara noted that he feels that in the past the Board did not realize the full range of use the DPW had for the land.

Mishara asked if two acres of the River's Edge site were retained for DPW use, would it negatively affect the River's Edge Development.

Rebecca Stanizzi, of the River's Edge Advisory Committee, noted that it would have a significantly negative impact on the value of the River's Edge Development.

The Board discussed the status of the site and potential alternative sites in town.

Brown noted that he will discuss with Town Surveyor Alf Berry if there are potentially any town-owned parcels available, and that Lowery will discuss the potential for a land swap with the Conservation Commission.

Town Administrator Nan Balmer will ask Town Counsel if the Board of Selectmen, following the conveyance of the parcel, can authorize the continuation DPW operations up until the time the property is developed.

Discussion of Placing DPW Staff at New DPW Facility

Brown discussed the current status of the new DPW facility as well as its intended use.

Lowery noted that the town and residents of River Road were told there would not be office staff located there.

Mishara noted that the initial premise was that the DPW Director would be located in the Town Building to interface with other town offices and staff.

Lowery noted that the DEP had requested that the equipment being stored by the Water Division at Baldwin Pond would need to be stored at the new DPW facility.

Mishara noted that the accessibility to the public of the DPW office staff should be considered.

Lowery noted that he feels the most important consideration is the effectiveness of the Director.

The Board concluded that the decision to relocate office staff was an operational one to be determined by the Director and Town Officials.

DPW Director's Financial Report

Brown requested that the DPW Director's Financial Report be discussed at the Tuesday 2/10/15 Board Meeting.

Discuss Scheduling Traffic Calming Hearings for Pelham Island and Glen Road

Brown requested that the scheduling of traffic calming hearings be discussed at the Tuesday 2/10/15 Board Meeting.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Brown noted that he had a discussion with Anne Harris of the Energy Initiatives Advisory Committee about the status of placing solar panels on the roof of the new DPW Facility.

Lowery noted that he would like to know what the estimated dollar amount of savings would be with the installation of solar panels.

Lowery expressed his appreciation to Kadlik for the response of the DPW during the recent snow storms.

Review and Approve Minutes of the 1/13/15 Meeting

Mishara made a motion to approve minutes of the meeting of the 1/13/15 meeting.

Brown 2nd.

All in Favor

Mishara made a motion to adjourn.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.