

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

March 24, 2015

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

C. Brown (Chair), B. Goldsmith, M. Lowery, S. Kadlik (Director)

Meeting opened at 7:04 PM

(Brown announced that the meeting is being recorded)

Brown opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Brown thanked Goldsmith for his three years of service on the Board of Public Works

Brown asked for public comment

Public Comment

Robert Smith of 12 Mansion Road appeared before the Board on behalf of the Dudley Pond Association to discuss September's Dudley Pond Fun Run, and expressed his concern for potholes along the planned route.

Brown noted that the potholes were filled prior to the race last year and anticipated it will be done again this year.

Goldsmith made a motion that the DPW restore the roads for the Dudley Pond Race Association prior to the race.

Brown 2nd. Goldsmith and Brown in favor, Lowery abstain. (Motion passed)

Discussion of Stone Bridge Restoration

Elisa Scola of the Community Preservation Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed restoration of Stone Bridge.

Scola discussed the history of the bridge as well as its current condition and status.

Brown asked Kadlik if the bridge was restored, what additional work would need to be performed by the DPW.

Kadlik noted that if park land is put in, mowing and upkeep would be a factor.

Kadlik added that a significant expense would be incurred in conducting the necessary periodic safety inspections to the bridge.

Lowery asked if the bridge could be designated as park land.

Scola noted that according to Town Counsel, a 2/3 vote at Town Meeting would be needed to change the land's designation.

Goldsmith made a motion to support the Community Preservation Committee Town Meeting article for the restoration of Stone Bridge

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Stonebridge Road Traffic Calming: Board Review and Discussion

Brown described the Board's traffic calming policy and process.

Brown described the current status of the traffic calming request of Stonebridge Road, and noted that a Board vote was never taken on the issue.

Goldsmith noted that he would be inclined to hold a traffic calming hearing.

Lowery noted that the speed limit on Stonebridge has been deemed appropriate by MassDOT.

Lowery noted that it is an arterial road, which limits potential traffic calming options.

Public Comment

Duane Galbi of 190 Stonebridge Road appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns about the traffic on Stonebridge.

Public Comment

Deborah Dison of 22 Oak Hill Road appeared before the Board to discuss her concerns about Stonebridge Road traffic, noting that she is concerned about the safety of school buses and school bus stops on Stonebridge Road.

Public Comment

Daryl Vanderburgh of 31 Stonebridge Road appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns about Stonebridge traffic, noted that the road has become a commuter cut-through and described incidents he has witnessed on the road.

Lowery noted that in his opinion, the traffic concerns on Stonebridge are an enforcement issue, and the Police Department should be sought for assistance.

Galbi suggested that flashing speed limit sign may be an appropriate form of traffic calming.

Goldsmith made a motion that a traffic calming hearing be scheduled at a future date for Stonebridge Road.

Brown requested that Kadlik examine Stonebridge Road to determine if speed bumps are a feasible option.

Lowery requested that the accident data for Stonebridge Road be obtained from the Police Department.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion and Update on River's Edge Property

Rebecca Stanizzi of the River's Edge Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the status of the site.

Brown noted that it appeared land may have been found that would partially address the material storage needs of the DPW.

Kadlik noted that the land is not a cure-all, but is the best location found so far.

Kadlik added that the DPW would still incur additional expenses related to the purchasing and removal of material that could no longer be stored.

Kadlik noted that the DPW would lose their snow storage, which would result in significant additional costs incurred by the DPW.

Kadlik noted that hauling other material, such as wood chips and spoils, would also result in additional costs.

Kadlik added that the cost of road resurfacing would also increase as a result.

Goldsmith noted that the change in annual operating cost needs to be factored, and a determination made of where the increase would be absorbed in the town budget.

The Board discussed alternative possibilities for snow storage and removal.

Brown noted that Stanizzi will be discussing issues with River's Edge at an upcoming Board of Selectmen Meeting.

The Board discussed ways in which the land in question could revert back to the Board of Public Works should the River's Edge Development not be built.

Stanizzi noted that with an easement the DPW would have first rights to the land.

Lowery noted that he is uncomfortable with anything that would transfer the land to a developer prior to commencement of the project, and requested that the vote to transfer the land be contingent on a developer committing to the project.

Goldsmith asked if Town Counsel could draft a motion that would protect the interests of the Board of Public Works, should River's Edge not be built.

Stanizzi noted that Counsel's opinion was that the land had to be conveyed by the Board.

Lowery noted that the Board has consistently expressed their position during past votes pertaining to the River's Edge Parcel.

The Board discussed the wording of a potential motion to transfer the land in question.

Lowery noted that the cost to put water and septic on site has still not been established.

Stanizzi noted that a water study is being conducted, and the details should be available within the next two weeks; and the septic would be handled on-site.

Discussion of the Eggleston Report on the High School Artificial Turf Field

Lowery noted that the report has been distributed to the School Department, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health.

Lowery added that the Board's interest in the report is the protection of the wells, and noted that the report suggests the installation of observation wells.

Lowery asked Kadlik and Water Superintendent Don Millette to determine what should be tested and what wells Eggleston would recommend using.

Lowery suggested that the Board write a letter to the School Committee noting that their interest is in well protection, and encourage that they bring the field into and maintain compliance.

Goldsmith made a motion that a letter be drafted by Lowery for the School Committee.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Brown added that the letter should be drafted by Lowery and presented to the Board for review prior to sending to the School Committee.

Goldsmith discussed potential locations to place test wells.

Lowery made a motion that Kadlik and Millette confer with Eggleston to determine the specifics to monitoring, and authorize a minimal expense for Eggleston's further consultation.

Goldsmith 2nd, all in favor.

Board Discussion of the Regulation of Temporary Signs Placed in the Town's Right-of-Way

Lowery distributed pictures citing examples of temporary signs in the town's right-of-way, and noted that when placed too close to the road they get blown down into the road.

Lowery noted that state law requires that the signs be placed with the owner or custodian of the land's permission.

Lowery expressed his desire for the Board to establish a policy addressing the temporary signs that are placed in the right-of-way.

Lowery discussed the placement of campaign signs in the right-of-way throughout town.

Lowery noted that any potential policy should be vetted by Town Counsel.

Board Discussion on Emergency Flood Preparedness

Kadlik described the steps that have been taken to address any potential flooding issues.

Brown asked Kadlik about the status of Rolling Lane.

Kadlik noted that the potential for flooding is remote, but the DPW is prepared should flooding occur.

Lowery noted that data suggests that the risk of flooding remains very minimal.

Designating Alternative Space for Youth Sports Practice

Kadlik noted that he had a conversation with Recreation, and they were concerned about the town's liability of allowing teams to practice in alternative places not designed for play.

Any alternative practice areas would be on the onus of those conducting activities to determine.

Kadlik discussed with the Board the current status of the High School artificial turf field.

DPW Director's Operational Report

Kadlik discussed work recently completed by the DPW.

Kadlik discussed the current status of the snow budget, noting that a \$550,000 transfer will be sought through the Finance Committee.

Kadlik discussed the status of Federal Aid being sought to offset expenses incurred during winter storms.

Kadlik discussed the status of repairs to the ozone system at the Water Treatment Plant.

Kadlik described the status of the Route 27 / Route 30 intersection project.

Brown requested that an update on the status of the Route 27 / Route 30 Intersection be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

The Board determined that a BoPW meeting notice should be posted for the night of Town Meeting.

Brown noted that April Board meetings will be held on April 14 and April 28.

Lowery noted that the money in the CIP request for Transfer Station Environmental and Road Updates was for \$100,000, not the \$200,000 as voted by the BoPW in January, and added that he has asked to meet with Abdella to discuss the status of this CIP.

Lowery requested PDF documents for the plans mentioned in the orders of condition for the Transfer Station Access Road.

Review and Approve Minutes of the 3/10/15 Meeting

Lowery noted a correction to make to the public comment of Jon Stahl on page 1.

Lowery requested a comment made by Kadlik added to page 3.

Lowery noted an addition to the comments made by Chief Irving on page 3.

Goldsmith suggested that the graphs related to the agenda item, 'Discussion of the Seasonality of Water Pumping and Water Rate Setting', be added to the minutes.

Goldsmith made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Brown made a motion to adjourn.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.