

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

April 28, 2015

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

(Brown announced that the meeting is being recorded)

Brown opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Brown asked for public comment

Public Comment

Elisa Scola of the Community Preservation Commission (CPC) appeared before the Board to discuss the status of the Stone's Bridge stabilization project.

Scola expressed her desire to establish a point of contact on the Board of Public Works.

Lowery offered to assist the CPC with the project, but indicated that Kadlik should be the main point of contact.

Gretchen Schuler of the CPC discussed the nature of placing a preservation restriction on the deed to Stone's Bridge.

Mishara made a motion to place a preservation restriction on the deed to Stone's Bridge.

After discussion, the Board determined that the motion should be tabled until the next meeting.

Brown requested that the discussion of the placement of a deed restriction on Stone's Bridge be placed on next agenda.

Lowery made a motion to authorize Kadlik to work with Town Administrator Nan Balmer and the CPC on the Stone's Bridge project.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Water Abatement Requests

45 Three Ponds Road

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

Mishara made a motion to abate the 2/2014 water bill of 45 Three Ponds Road down to 13,000 cubic feet, waiving all fees and penalties.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

2 Bennett Road

Emily Kaplan of 2 Bennett Road appeared before the Board to discuss her request for abatement.

The Board discussed the seasonal data used to calculate the abatement, noting that there was limited historical data available for comparison.

Mishara made a motion to abate the 11/2013 water bill of 2 Bennett Road to 16,200 cubic feet, waiving all interest and fees.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Irrigation Application Review – 24 Red Barn Road

Chip Ely of Lynch Tree Irrigation appeared before the Board to discuss the irrigation application of 24 Red Barn Road.

Lowery noted the property is close to wetlands, and suggested that Ely check with Conservation.

Lowery expressed his concern that the irrigation system would operate within a Zone 2 area and is also very close to a well capture zone.

Mishara made a motion to approve the irrigation permit for 24 Red Barn.

Brown 2nd. Brown, Mishara, and Baston in favor, Lowery opposed.

Board Discussion

Kadlik advised the Board of resident Mary Blais of 10 South Street who had experienced a medical-related hardship and was requesting the Board grant a waiver of the \$26.40 interest accumulated on her water account.

Lowery made a motion to waive the accumulated interest on the water account of 10 South Street.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion and Update on River's Edge Property

Brown described a recent conversation with Town Administrator Nan Balmer, and noted that a document authorizing the conveyance of the land in question would be prepared for the Board's consideration in May.

Lowery asked about the status of water pressure testing at the proposed River's Edge site.

Kadlik noted that a report is being prepared by Tata & Howard, and a draft of the report has been reviewed by Kadlik and Millette.

Lowery requested that the final report be distributed to the Board for review.

Lowery discussed with the Board the status of plans to supply water service to the proposed River's Edge development.

Mishara asked if language will be in the document requesting conveyance that would allow the possession of the property to revert back to the BOPW if the River's Edge project is cancelled.

Brown noted that the document would preclude the transfer until a developer is committed to the property.

Baston noted that he recently toured the DPW material storage area, and would like to see something in the document that identifies the DPW's increased expense incurred as a result of the removal of material storage space.

Baston distributed a handout, 'Land Transfer Questions and Concerns', pertaining to the potential increased costs of material removal and reviewed it with the Board.

Mishara suggested that a separate line item be added to the DPW budget to track the expenses relating to the River's Edge land transfer.

Baston expressed his opinion that the proposed DPW storage site is not sufficient for the DPW's needs.

Brown noted that he would email Baston's document to the Finance Committee to advise them of the anticipated expense increase.

Michael Lindeman, DPW Park and Highway Superintendent, expressed his concern that the Conservation Commission be consulted to ensure there would be no restrictions on the land in question.

Baston expressed his concern over the potential elimination of the composting area from the Transfer Station.

Request for Water Abatement – 36 Claypit Hill Road

Jeff Karp of 36 Claypit Hill Road appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Lowery made a motion to abate the 2/2014 water bill of 36 Claypit Hill Road down to 13,100 cubic feet, waiving all interest and fees.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion on Eversource Petition to Obtain a Grant of Location for Utility Pole on Sears Road

The Board discussed their concern that the language of the request may grant Eversource permission to cut into the roadway to install underground utility wires.

Kadlik noted that the plans prescribe the installation of a utility pole and not underground utilities, and advised that ultimately the Board of Selectmen grant permission.

Lowery suggested that a note be sent to the Board of Selectmen requesting that clarification be added to the language of the agreement precluding the installation of underground utilities.

Discussion and Scheduling of Water Rate Setting

Don Millette, DPW Water Superintendent, appeared before the Board to discuss the status of water rate setting.

Kadlik noted that he and Millette would be meeting with Woodcock and Associates within the next week to conduct a water rate analysis.

Lowery asked Millette if Woodcock and Associates are familiar with the new DEP regulations.

Millette replied that they are.

The Board discussed their concerns relating to the rate setting process.

Millette discussed with the Board the type of water meters currently used by the Town and expressed his desire to explore different brands of water meters.

Draft Policy on Temporary Signs in the Right-of-Way

Lowery distributed a list of objectives for creating a policy and discussed it with the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of working with the Planning Board to revise the current temporary sign bylaw.

Lowery offered to draft a policy for review by the Board as well as the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Police Department.

Discussion of Status of Mill Pond

Lowery suggested that this item be delayed until the next meeting.

Lowery noted that the Conservation Commission has given the Surface Water Quality Commission permission to hydro-rake Mill Pond.

Baston noted that the Historical Commission is concerned if the name Mill Pond were completely eliminated.

The Board clarified that the only the land around the pond would be renamed, not the pond itself.

Pelham Island Road Status Update

Kadlik noted that he would like to put a levelling course down on portions of Pelham Island to address the condition of the road.

Lowery asked Kadlik if anything would be done in the project to address the sharp drop-off of the edge of the pavement in the area of Heard Pond.

The Board discussed the approval process from Conservation Commission to rebuild the shoulder.

Brown suggested that Police Chief Irving be consulted and asked if he considers the current state of the road to be an emergency.

Brown and Lowery expressed their opinion that the road either needs to be repaired or closed.

Brown asked that this item be placed on the next agenda.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Mishara asked Kadlik about the status of the Five Paths intersection lights.

Kadlik noted that he would discuss the lights at the Five Paths intersection with TEC.

Lowery distributed a draft letter that he prepared to the School Committee concerning the protection of the Happy Hollow Wells near the High School athletic fields and discussed it with the Board.

Brown requested that the letter be discussed at the next meeting.

Lowery discussed the Commonwealth Connect App and distributed a handout describing it.

Brown asked Kadlik about the nature of road work that occurred recently in the area of the Happy Hollow School.

Kadlik noted that the crew was repairing a collapsed catch basin.

Brown noted that the Board of Selectmen will be discussing Glezen Lane traffic mitigation on May 18.

Brown noted that he has received several comments from residents concerning the settings of the traffic lights at the intersection of West Plain and Old Connecticut Path.

Lindeman noted that discussion of changing the settings of the lights has occurred and is under consideration.

Kadlik noted that work will begin to correct a number of issues with the intersection within the next week.

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

Brown noted that per a discussion with Human Resources Director John Senchyshyn, Balmer wished to offer Kadlik a three year contract as DPW Director and has asked for the Board's feedback.

Mishara made a motion that the Board strongly supports the Town's pursuit of a three-year contract with the DPW Director.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Review and Approve Minutes (Delivered in Advance of the Meeting)

Brown noted a correction to include Wegerbauer as present at the 4/14/15 meeting.

Mishara noted a grammatical correction on page 6.

Lowery requested that on page 3, 'Kadlik noted that he would be contacting potential consultants to conduct a water rate study in anticipation of setting water rates.'

Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4/14/15 meeting as amended.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Kadlik noted that Arts Wayland wishes to paint a mural on a Transfer Station Building.

Brown requested that Kadlik gather more information on this subject and include discussion on the next agenda.

Brown noted that May Board meetings will occur on 5/12/15 and 5/26/15.

Mishara made a motion to adjourn.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.