

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

May 12, 2015

7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: C. Brown (Chair), W. Baston, M. Lowery, J. Mishara (left at 9:45 PM),
S. Kadlik (Director)

Absent: M. Wegerbauer

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

(Brown announced that the meeting is broadcast live and being recorded)

Brown opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Brown asked for public comment – there was none.

Discussion Regarding the Opening of the New DPW Facility

John Moynihan, Special Projects Manager for the Facilities Department, appeared before the Board to update the status of the new DPW facility.

Moynihan noted that he anticipates equipment and personnel will be moved into the building the second or third week of June.

Moynihan asked the Board how they would like to approach the grand opening of the facility.

Brown noted that he feels a public open house would be appropriate after the majority of equipment has been moved in.

Mishara suggested that a ceremonial ribbon cutting occur with the opening of the facility.

Lowery asked about the status of the tree replacement that had previously been agreed to.

Moynihan responded that the shrubs and trees were planted last fall.

Mishara asked if methane mitigation is still required at the site.

Moynihan responded that it is still an open issue.

Brown noted that the sense of the Board is that a ribbon cutting and open house should occur as soon as possible after the facility is operational.

Moynihan suggested Saturday, June 20, 2015 as a possible opening date.

Brown asked when the solar panels would be installed on the facility. Moynihan noted that the project is still in the early stages, and it would be after July 1 before installation could occur.

Discussion of the Initial Findings by Woodcock and Associates Regarding Water Rate Setting and Water Enterprise Fund Status

Chris Woodcock, President of Woodcock & Associates, appeared before the Board to discuss the initial findings of the water rate review.

Woodcock discussed the water rate setting process and potential changes in the water billing process.

The Board discussed the tiered water rate structure with Woodcock.

Baston asked Woodcock his opinion on how to address irrigation systems.

Woodcock replied that ideally irrigation systems would be separately metered or not allowed.

Brown asked Woodcock his opinion on the size of the reserve funds.

Woodcock replied that in his opinion the reserve fund is where it should be at its current level.

Brown recommended that Woodcock's services be retained to formally review water rates and make suggestions.

Woodcock noted he would create a draft proposal for review and comment by the Board.

Lowery made a motion that the Board request Woodcock and Associates to draft a proposal to conduct a study of water rates.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Items Distributed for Information and Use by the Board of Public Works

- Christopher P. Woodcock Qualifications Summary
- Listing of Jobs Worked on by Christopher Woodcock
- Dave Fox, Senior Consultant, Raftelis Consultants, Inc. Resume
- Woodcock & Associates Pricing Information
- Woodcock & Associates Metering Information

Traffic Calming Hearing: Stonebridge Road

Mishara described the nature of the traffic calming process, as well as the role of the Board of Public Works, the Board of Selectmen, and the Police Department.

Mishara read a letter from MassDOT, which denied the establishment of a special speed restriction on Stonebridge Road.

Duane Galbi, of 190 Stonebridge Road, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for traffic calming.

John Grabill, of 62 Riverview Circle, discussed the speed of traffic on Stonebridge and the dangers posed at the intersection of Riverview and Stonebridge.

Jeffrey Bright, of 37 Stonebridge Road, appeared before the Board discussed the posting of speed limit signs on Stonebridge.

Jean Ladas, of 200 Stonebridge Road, described his concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Stonebridge.

Michael Delman, of 192 Stonebridge Road, expressed his concern over the difficulty in exiting his driveway onto Stonebridge.

Scott Machanic, of 26 Meadow View Road, described the danger of exiting Oak Hill onto Stonebridge.

Robert Haskins, of 22 Stonebridge Road, expressed his concern for the speed and volume of traffic on Stonebridge.

Mishara asked the residents in attendance if they are in favor of speed bumps.

The majority of the residents responded that they are.

Lowery suggested the residents call the Police Department to report issues with traffic, and keep a record of the calls made.

Brown reviewed the Police Department's accident data compiled from Stonebridge Road.

Dana Fogg, of 9 Stonebridge Road, noted that speeding issues exist on the entire length of the road.

Donald Chase, of 36 Stonebridge Road, noted that he feels the unpopulated areas of the road encourage motorists to travel faster.

Lowery asked Kadlik to explain the constraints of placing speed bumps on Stonebridge Road.

Kadlik noted that speed bumps should not be placed on any curves or hills.

Galbi described speed bumps on Edmands Road in Framingham and described the markings placed on speed bumps.

Susan Foster, of 23 Old Connecticut Path, noted the dangers posed to pedestrians on Stonebridge.

Karen Drury, of 190 Stonebridge Road, described a hit and run accident she had witnessed, and noted the danger to pedestrians on Stonebridge.

Lowery noted that in his opinion the Police Department should increase ticketing on Stonebridge.

Linda Vanderburgh, of 31 Stonebridge Road, expressed concern over the volume of traffic on Stonebridge.

George Harris, of 8 Holiday Road, asked the Board what traffic calming measures other than speed bumps may be viable.

Mishara described the various traffic calming measures available and the factors used to determine their viability.

Galbi asked who has authority over the placement of traffic signs.

The Board responded that speed limit and stop signs are determined by the State, while most other signs are under the purview of the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department.

Galbi described possible locations for speed bumps and stop signs on Stonebridge and referred to a map illustrating their proposed locations.

Mishara asked the residents in attendance if they generally agree with the placement of speed bumps proposed by Galbi.

The majority of residents agreed with the placement as proposed by Galbi.

Ken Kistner, of 30 Stonebridge Road, expressed his concern for the potential placement of a speed bump near the Habitat for Humanity development, as it is a blind corner.

Lowery described the nature of funding the installation of speed bumps, and asked residents if they feel the installation of speed bumps would be supported at Town Meeting.

Brown read a comment submitted via email from Michelle Henley, of 197 Stonebridge Road, expressing her opinion against placing speed bumps on Stonebridge or making the road a one-way road.

Mishara asked Kadlik if he has conducted a study to determine if speed bumps could be installed on Stonebridge.

Kadlik replied that he has not conducted a study.

Mishara noted that there are public safety considerations to the installation of speed bumps, and the Police and Fire Departments would have to be consulted.

Brown asked if the intersection of Stonebridge and Old Stonebridge could be reconfigured to a 90 degree angle.

Galbi asked about the possibility of the installation of an electronic flashing speed limit sign.

Kadlik described the budget constraints impacting the implementation of traffic calming measures.

Lowery described the elimination of \$50,000 from the requested 2016 DPW Budget for traffic calming by the Finance Committee, and noted that funding would have to be put forth as a separate article at Town Meeting.

Mishara explained the next steps concerning traffic calming on Stonebridge.

Machanic asked the Board what residents can do to support the funding of traffic calming.

Zuania Wood, of 37 Oak Hill Road, asked the Board what role residents should take in the traffic calming process.

Mishara noted that public participation in the process is important and encouraged residents to continue to do so.

Items Distributed for Information and Use by the Board of Public Works
- Map of proposed placement of speed bumps and stop signs presented by Galbi

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion
- Stonebridge Road Speed and Incident Data

Discussion of the Placement of a Deed Restriction on Stone's Bridge

Gretchen Schuler, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, and Elisa Scola, Chair of the Historical Commission, appeared before the Board to discuss the implementation of a preservation restriction on Stone's Bridge to enable a possible grant of up to \$100,000.

Lowery made a motion that, subject to Town Counsel confirming the Board's custodianship of the bridge, the Board vote to apply a preservation restriction on the bridge and designated Kadlik to oversee the project.

Mishara 2nd. All in favor.

Brown signed the document, for submission pending the confirmation of Town Counsel.

Schuler and Scola discussed the nature of the design work and potential associated costs with Kadlik

Items Distributed for Information and Use by the Board of Public Works
- Memo from Elisa Scola and Gretchen Schuler re: Stone's Bridge

Discussion of Arts Wayland Transfer Station EcoArt Projects

Basser Khadjenoori, of Arts Wayland, described a potential art project they wish to undertake at the Transfer Station involving the painting of murals on several structures at the Transfer Station.

Baston expressed his concern that any of the artwork may be construed as offensive or controversial.

Khadjenoori replied that he could bring photos of any art created for display for approval if the Board desires.

Khadjenoori noted that he wished to display art on the Town's sign boards when they are not otherwise in use.

Lowery noted that the sign boards are in place to announce events, and expressed his reluctance to use them for other purposes.

Mary Antes, of the Board of Selectmen, noted that the Beautification Committee has used the sign boards in the past for purposes other than announcing events.

Khadjenoori described past projects by Fireseed Arts which involved repurposing items into art.

Khadjenoori discussed with the Board the proposed staging of an art event at the Transfer Station on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

Baston expressed his concern to the Board that authorizing the project may set a precedent.

Lowery asked about the care and maintenance of any murals painted at the Transfer Station.

Khadjenoori noted that they would return to repair or repaint the murals if necessary.

Khadjenoori noted that he hopes to establish a working relationship between Arts Wayland and the Town.

Mishara made a motion to approve the Eco Art program as proposed, under the provision that the art is for general consumption and the appropriate liability waivers are signed.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Items Distributed for Information and Use by the Board of Public Works

- Wayland Transfer Station: Eco-Art Lab / Artist-in-Residency Program information as published on the Town website

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion

- Arts Wayland / Fireseed Arts 'Call for Street and Graffiti Artists – Theme: Community'

- 10/18/2011 Email from Dan Balter of Arts Wayland with Artist-In Residence Personal Release Forms

Discussion and Update on River's Edge Property

Brown noted that he had recently met with Town Counsel, and noted that the additional language suggested by the DPW Director had been added.

Brown noted that he hoped the Board would be prepared to vote on this item at the next meeting.

Mishara noted that in his opinion the document looks acceptable.

Lowery noted that the document allows the Board of Selectmen to sell or lease the land.

Baston noted that he had expressed his concerns over extra operating costs imposed on the DPW relating to the land transfer.

Brown echoed Baston's concerns, but noted that he does not feel this document is the instrument in which to address it.

Baston discussed the increased operating costs associated with the loss of the land with the Board.

Lowery suggested the document be amended to designate the additional costs incurred by the DPW as well as the elimination of the option to 'lease or otherwise convey' the land in question.

The Board discussed methods by which to address the requirements necessary to continue current DPW activities.

Mishara suggested that Town Counsel be asked if there is any way to incorporate any funding mechanism in the potential motion.

The Board discussed the draft water feasibility study by Tata & Howard regarding the River's Edge parcel.

Water Division Superintendent Don Millette noted that his interpretation is that the Town currently has the capacity to support the project.

Lowery noted that report does not address the issues surrounding getting the water to the site or the cost of expanding the water system.

Millette noted the issue should be revisited after the water withdrawal permitting process begins.

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion
- Proposed wording of Motion re: River's Edge Housing Project Site

Discussion on the Status of Renaming the Park Land Surrounding Mill Pond

Lowery made a motion that a sign be created designating the name of the area in question as Adams Park.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Items Distributed for Information and Use by the Board of Public Works

- Sign design proposal and Mill Pond photos distributed by Lowery

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion

- Copy of 4/24/1936 deed to land

- Copy of article from 2/26/2015, 'Mill Pond Rename Proposal'

Discussion of the Condition of Pelham Island Road

Kadlik noted that some patching has been done and he intends to put a levelling course down as well.

Kadlik noted that he is looking at placing block to reinforce the shoulder of the road in the area of Heard Pond to address the sharp drop-off the edge of the road.

Lowery asked if Conservation has approved the potential work.

Kadlik noted that Conservation has not yet approved it.

Lowery made a motion that the condition of Pelham Island Road in the area of Heard Pond is currently too dangerous for vehicle traffic, constituting a safety emergency, and requests that the DPW Director consult with the Town Administrator and the Police Chief to draft a NOI to be expedited with the Conservation Commission to address the safety issue.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Discussion of the Draft Letter to the School Committee Regarding the Happy Hollow Wells

Lowery requested the Board's permission to present the letter to the School Committee in a meeting.

Baston asked that a request from the School Committee to communicate with the Board of Public Works the efforts they make to comply with the regulations be added to the letter.

Brown suggested that the High School Principal and the High School Athletic Director be copied on the letter.

Kadlik noted that Facilities Director Ben Keefe has been charged to ensure compliance with the conditions in the letter.

Baston made a motion to authorize the letter be presented to the School Committee.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion

- Draft letter to School Committee re: Protection of Wayland's Happy Hollow wells near WHS athletic fields

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Baston asked if the wording was added to the Eversource request to install a utility pole on Sears Road.

Brown noted that the changes requested by the Board were added to the document.

Baston asked if a second quote was obtained for the construction of the Route 27 sidewalk.

Kadlik noted that the second quotes received were also high, and an additional request for Chapter 90 funding was applied for.

The Board discussed the request by the Conservation Commission to install an additional catch basin in conjunction with the sidewalk project, at an estimated additional cost of \$70,000.

Lowery noted that he is going to consult with Town Counsel regarding temporary sign regulations.

Lowery distributed a Newsweek article concerning the fluoridation of drinking water, and suggested that a joint meeting with the Board of Health be held.

Brown asked Millette if in his opinion this is an issue to be addressed by the Water Department or the Board of Health.

Millette noted that the fluoridation of drinking water was voted by Town Meeting and the EPA regulates the amount of fluoride to be added.

Brown noted that in his opinion this issue should be deferred to the Board of Health.

Items Distributed for Information and Use by the Board of Public Works

- Copy of Newsweek Article, 'Water Flouridation Linked to Higher ADHD Rates', distributed by Lowery

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

Millette requested that the Board vote to authorize a water ban to be instituted at the end of May.

Millette noted that next year new water regulations will be enacted further restricting summer water usage.

The Board discussed the current bylaw concerning water usage restrictions.

Brown made a motion to authorize the DPW Director to institute water usage restrictions at the time he sees fit with proper public notice.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Lowery noted that Fish & Wildlife has asked permission to harvest water chestnuts from the Sudbury River, and suggested further information be sought to determine the scope of the project.

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

Baston noted a typographical correction on page 3.

Lowery noted changes to Kadlik's comment on page 6 regarding the proposed Arts Wayland project.

Lowery made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting as amended.

Brown 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included as Part of Agenda Packet for Discussion
- Board of Public Works 4/28/2015 Meeting Minutes Draft

Lowery made a motion to adjourn.

Baston 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.