

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland Town Building

September 8, 2015

6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Present: C. Brown (Chair), M. Lowery (Vice Chair), W. Baston, S. Kadlik (Director)

Absent: J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer

Joint Executive Session with the board of Selectmen Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to Discuss Strategy with Respect to a Pending Action Regarding Bernstein et al v. Wayland Planning Board et al.

Brown made a motion that the Board of Public Works enter into joint executive session with the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to a pending action regarding Bernstein et al v. Wayland Planning Board et al.

Lowery 2nd.

Roll call vote: Baston – aye, Brown – aye, Lowery – aye.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:00PM.

Brown invited attendance by DPW Director Stephen Kadlik and DPW Staff Member Daniel Cabral.

Brown noted that the Board will reconvene in open session in approximately thirty minutes for the purpose of adjourning.

The Board of Selectmen (Cherry Karlson, Lea Anderson, and May Antes) entered into executive session. Among those invited to attend were Woody Baston, Chris Brown, Mike Lowery, Stephen Kadlik, and Daniel Cabral.

Town Counsel Mark Lanza appeared before the Boards to provide an update on the action regarding Bernstein et al v. Wayland Planning Board et al.

Lanza noted that the judge granted a 180-day lifting of the turning restrictions on Glezen Lane.

Lanza noted that both Boards need to address the need for a traffic study, where the Board of Selectmen would have to temporarily remove the turn restrictions prior to conducting.

Lanza noted that both Boards need to determine how they wish to proceed with the design and permitting process involving the potential reconfiguration of the intersection of Glezen and Old Sudbury.

Lanza added that if the results of the traffic study show that the amount of traffic on Glezen travelling to and from the Town Center is negligible, the current turn restrictions could potentially be permanently removed from the settlement in exchange for an alternative traffic calming measure.

Lanza urged both Boards avoid putting the project on hold, and continue with the design and permitting process during the 180-day reprieve.

Lanza noted that the Plaintiffs have moved for the judge to reconsider her decision to grant the 180-day reprieve but, in his opinion, it is extremely unlikely the decision would be reconsidered.

Kevin Dandrade of TEC appeared before the Boards to discuss the best methods for conducting a traffic study.

Dandrade noted that the turn restriction signs should be taken down as soon as possible, and traffic be given several weeks to 'settle in' prior to conducting the traffic study.

Dandrade suggested that a reverse 911 call targeting affected residents on Glezen be initiated to advise them of the changes in turn restrictions.

Dandrade noted that the study will focus on origin-destination data of traffic travelling between Glezen and Town Center, and suggested the option of video recording traffic as part of traffic data gathering.

Lanza added that recording of the exteriors of cars would be legally permissible.

Dandrade noted that the survey-portion of the design process is done and the formal design process has not yet been started, but could begin within six to eight weeks.

Lowery asked if the traffic study would specifically track vehicles exiting Glezen and turning into the Town Center.

Dandrade noted that it would.

Brown asked how many days he is proposing to collect traffic data.

Dandrade responded that he had hoped to conduct it on a normal week day from 7:00AM to 6:00PM and on a Saturday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

Lowery opined that a week day 6:00PM end-time is too early, and suggested that an end-time of 7:30PM would be more appropriate.

Dandrade noted the end-time could be adjusted.

Karlson suggested that the traffic data be gathered until 7:00PM on a weekday.
Carlson asked Kadlik about the process of removing the turn restriction signs.

Kadlik noted that the signs could be taken down very quickly and easily.

Kadlik noted that he is concerned about the accuracy of the traffic counters currently in place.

Lowery noted that in his opinion all signs, including those encouraging the direction of travel to Town Center, be taken down in the interest in fairness.

Dandrade agreed that all signs should be temporarily removed to prevent a potential future legal challenge to accuracy and fairness of the traffic study.

Antes asked if cars turning left onto Glezen from Old Sudbury would also be counted.

Dandrade noted that they would also be counted and, in his opinion, would likely be 10 times the amount of cars that make a right turn onto Glezen.

Anderson noted that she is listening, neither participating in the discussion, nor voting as she is resides in the area in question.

Lanza asked Dandrade if the design and bidding process could begin in the next four to six weeks.

Dandrade replied that it could.

Brown made motion to exit Executive Session at 6:39PM.

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Roll call vote: Baston – aye, Brown – aye, Lowery – aye.

The Board reconvened in Open Session.