

# WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Wayland DPW Facility

June 3, 2016

1:30 PM

## MEETING MINUTES

Present: C. Brown, (Chair), M. Lowery (Vice Chair), W. Baston, M. Lindeman (DPW Park & Highway Superintendent), D. Millette (DPW Water Superintendent), J. Doucette (DPW Senior Foreman)

Participating Remotely: J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer

Meeting opened at 1:30 PM

Brown noted that the meeting is not being recorded.

Mishara noted he is attending remotely due to geographic distance.

Brown opened the meeting with a review of the agenda.

Brown asked for public comment – there was none.

### **Discussion and Board Vote to Authorize the Potential Implementation of Water Conservation Measures**

Brown noted that the DEP requested the DPW institute usage restrictions due to low readings on the streamflow gauge located in Lowell.

Lowery asked when the DEP intends to issue the new water withdrawal permit.

Lowery asked Millette if the Board fails to follow the DEP's instructions, could the DPW potentially be cited under any current permit stipulations.

Millette replied that he was unsure if the current regulations would allow for the DEP to issue a fine.

Lowery expressed his concern that the DEP would consider issuing a fine for something that may be outside their scope of authority under the current permit.

Brown expressed his desire for clarification on the DEP's current authority, and added that he supports the Board empowering Millette to institute any necessary water usage restrictions.

Lowery noted that bylaws require public notification before the restrictions go into effect.

Millette noted that the new withdrawal permit will include new regulations that will alter the way in which future water use restrictions are structured.

[Wegerbauer joined remotely at 1:37PM]

Wegerbauer noted he is participating remotely due to geographic distance.

Mishara asked if the Town is still operating under the old withdrawal permit until the new one is issued.

Millette replied that although the old permit has expired, the Town is operating under it until the new permit is issued.

Lowery noted that he feels the DEP may be asking the Town to institute a water ban that they have no authority to request.

Brown asked Millette to gather more information on the DEP's request for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Baston asked Millette how soon the restrictions would be implemented.

Millette replied that ban would be implemented immediately, although enforcement would not begin until sufficient public notification occurs.

Brown made a motion to authorize DPW Water Superintendent Don Millette to enact water usage restrictions throughout CY2016 as he sees fit, consistent with Town by-laws and timely notification of the Board of Public Works.

Baston 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call Vote: Baston – aye, Lowery – aye, Brown – aye, Mishara – aye, Wegerbauer – aye

Wegerbauer requested that in the usage restriction notice it be noted that the restriction are being imposed by the DEP.

Brown noted that Town Planner Sarkis Sarkisian wished to meet with the Board to discuss a proposed community branding project, with Sarkisian requesting the Board's attendance at an upcoming presentation.

Lowery suggested that a Board representative attend, or have the meeting videotaped for future review.

The Board determined that the community branding project should be discussed at the June 28 meeting at the Town Building for approximately 30 minutes.

Brown made a motion to adjourn.

Lowery 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Roll Call Vote: Baston – aye, Lowery – aye, Brown – aye, Mishara – aye, Wegerbauer – aye

Meeting adjourned at 1:58PM