

Wayland Recreation Commission
July 2, 2014
Public Comment

I request that this public comment be read into the record of the meeting tonight of the Wayland Recreation Commission by the Chairman or any one of the Commission members.

For the record, my name is Kent George and I live at 15 Indian Dawn, Wayland.

I had recently asked and was granted time on the agenda of the Wayland Recreation Commission to discuss these comments but due to a conflict I could not make it on that particular evening. I am now making comment which falls essentially into the same category as that which I intended to speak before, except now that the Director is planning to leave our employ, these comments may be even more appropriate.

As a member of the OPEB Advisory Committee I came before your Commission in late March or early April seeking approval from your Commissioners, and to report to Annual Town Meeting, that the Commission approved paying accrued and future OPEB costs for the Commission's eligible employees. My stunned observation then was that it appeared to me that only the Director was fully cognizant of the finances and commitments of the Commission. Further, it seemed that the Director and the Chairman of the Commission were the only individuals at the table who could knowingly discuss finances at all. From that perspective I took it upon myself to personally follow up with direct questions of some Commissioners and was disappointed to learn that my observations were ratified.

My point is that all Commission Members are equally responsible for all transactions entered into by the Commission, whether contracts, salaries, agreements, pricing decisions, collection and reporting of fees, or any other matter or transaction of or by the Commission. As the replacement of the Director is currently contemplated I would ask that the Commission retake the authority that it always had and make it clear to the new Director that the Board of Commissioners is the final authority and that the Director provide any and all information to all the Commissioners for understanding and approval as the governing authority of the Commission.

Thank you.