

WAYLAND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2009

MINUTES

In attendance: David Schofield, Fred Knight, Gene Roberts, Bill Prendergast
Guest: Prescott Baston, Sewer user

Chairman David Schofield called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

As a public comment, Prescott Baston suggested that sewer users should pay for what they use.

As a public comment, Prescott Baston quoted Charles Irving, Principal of KGI Properties, Town Center developer as stating that the gift of \$3 million from the developer could be used in any manner that the Town of Wayland chooses.

Fred Knight suggested that the amount requested from the \$3 million gift should be \$500,000. The justification is that the Town will benefit from the property taxes received from Town Center. With \$500,000 from the developer gift, the amount of new betterment to pay for the new treatment plant would be about \$13,000 for a user with a four-bedroom house.

David Schofield suggested that the Wastewater Commission prepare an article for the Fall Town Meeting approving a contribution from the Town of \$900,000 to assist in paying for the new treatment plant.

Fred Knight outlined three scenarios for the current users to pay their portion of the cost of the new treatment plant depending on the amount of the contributions from the \$3 million gift and from the Town. These scenarios are:

1. There will be no new betterment.
2. There will be a new betterment but it will be less than the original betterment.
3. There will be a new betterment that will be equal to or greater than the original betterment.

The subject of user fees was discussed. It was agreed that 80 % of the user fees should be based on fixed cost and that 20 % of the user fees should be based on variable cost. Fred Knight and Bill Prendergast suggested the following formula for computing user fees:

Quarterly user fee = (.8 x capacity + .2 x water usage) x days x rate

Bill Prendergast agreed to calculate the rate to meet the FY2010 budget when he receives the water usage for the past winter from the Water Department. The Commission agreed to discuss penalties at a future meeting.

The Commission has received information that water meters read low as they age. This would explain the reason for water meter readings decreasing while flow through the

plant remains constant. David Schofield agreed to contact the Water Department concerning new meters for current users.

Bill Prendergast advised the Commission that the contract for operating the treatment plant will expire on May 31, 2009. He offered to provide John Moynihan with a copy of the Request for Proposals used in 2003 for the current contract.

Warrant Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting of April 15, 2009 was discussed. This article provides the mechanism for the land exchange approved by the 2006 Town Meeting. The land exchange is required for the construction of the new treatment plant. The question of timing of the exchange was discussed. Bill Prendergast pointed out that the 2006 Town Meeting Article states that the exchange shall take place immediately before construction is commenced.

The minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2009 were approved.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

AOS Operating Company - (020901WAY) - \$11,677.49

Dave Starmer Disposal - (3/3/09) - \$1,076.00

William R. Prendergast - \$100.00

Bill Prendergast distributed a financial report for FY2009 showing through February 2009 income of \$128,754.24 and expenses of \$126,378.02. He pointed out that there was a quarterly user billing in January and that betterments were due to be paid with the tax bills due February 2, 2009.

Bill Prendergast distributed a report showing a bank balance of \$1,573,560.31 as of March 4, 2009. The balance includes a new loan of \$1,000,000.00 and a refund of \$18,336.00 from NSTAR.

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Prendergast
April 14, 2009

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