

WAYLAND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2010

MINUTES

In attendance: David Schofield, Fred Knight, Bill Prendergast

Guests: Ian Catlow, Tighe & Bond

David Boucher, Whitewater

Jacqueline Ducharme, Dudley Pond Association

Timothy Cornu, connection applicant

Thomas Cornu, Wayland resident

Linda Segal, Wayland resident

Prescott Baston, Wayland resident

Chairman David Schofield called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Jacqueline Ducharme made presentation on behalf of the Dudley Pond Association. The objective of the Association is to preserve the integrity of Dudley Pond. She stated that the Association was thinking of transferring a parcel of land to the Commission to be used for septic purposes. The parcel contains 7.3 acres and the septic purposes would be for existing homes and not for new development.

Timothy Cornu stated that he planned to operate a car repair service at 356 Boston Post Road along with used car sales. He requested approval of a connection to the sewer system. David Schofield discussed the cost of joining the system. He estimated the Privilege Fee at approximately \$17,000. User fees would cost several hundred dollars per year. The share of the cost of the new plant would amount to several thousand dollars. These costs are in addition to the cost of making the connection. Mr. Cornu decided to investigate the possibility of providing a private septic system.

David Boucher discussed value engineering concerning wastewater treatment plants. He pointed out that the basic components are common to all treatment plants. The amount of automation varies from plant to plant. He pointed out that excessive automation removes much of the operation of the plant from the operator. Excessive automation increases the cost of the plant and makes maintenance more difficult. He used a treatment plant in Acton, MA as an example of a plant with substantial automation. He pointed out that the Acton plant had an early deadline for completion and that there was very little time available for value engineering. Mr. Boucher pointed out that the design of the new Wayland plant resembled the design of a plant in Southborough, MA which has limited automation. He pointed out that many new plants have an operator interface which includes a touch screen as does the current design.

Ian Catlow estimated the estimated the construction period for the new Wayland plant to be 14 – 16 months.

David Boucher reviewed the requirements of the new permit as they pertain to the Whitewater contract for operation of the treatment plant. The new requirements require

an increase of \$521.11 in the monthly fee. David Schofield made a motion to approve the monthly fee increase of \$521.11 the Whitewater contract. Fred Knight seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was 2 – 0 in favor.

Ian Catlow stated that John Moynihan would be handling construction insurance and that the contractor should pay the builder's risk insurance.

Ian Catlow distributed a proposed meeting agenda for a meeting involving the Commission, Town Counsel, Town Administrator, Tighe & Bond, and KGI. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss outstanding issues and informational needs related to new treatment plant project. Included in the agenda are Town Center construction schedule, land swap, easements, utility services, demolition of the existing plant, and outfall.

Demolition of the existing plant was discussed. It was clear who would pay for demolition of the existing plant.

The need for a third Commissioner was discussed. Fred Knight offered to prepare a letter to the editor of the Town Crier outlining the need and inviting interested persons to contact the Commission.

The minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2009 were approved as amended.

The following invoices were approved for payment:

- Dave Starmer disposal - \$650.00
- Organization for the Assabet River - \$792.00
- NSTAR - \$1970.84
- William R. Prendergast - \$200.00

Bill Prendergast distributed a financial report showing, through December 2009, income of \$81,649.40 and expenses of \$85,995.56. He reported that Twenty Wayland had not paid user fees of \$24,017.25 billed on November 23, 2009. He reported that the Commission had not been billed for interest on the \$1 million loan received to design the new treatment plant.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Prendergast
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