

# WAYLAND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

## MEETING OF MAY 11, 2010

### MINUTES

In attendance: David Schofield, Fred Knight, Bill Prendergast

Guests: Prescott Baston, Wayland resident

Ralph Wegener, Wayland resident

Ian Catlow, Tighe & Bond (by speaker phone)

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

Prescott Baston presented a suggested distribution of cost of the new treatment plant based partially on capacity and partially on current plant flow. The Twenty Wayland and Wayland Meadows shares of the cost were based on capacities of 45,000 and 7,200 gallons per day respectively. The share of the other users was based on current plant flow of 10,000 gallons per day. In this scenario, Twenty Wayland would pay 72 % of the cost, Wayland Meadows would pay 12 % of the cost, and the other users would pay 16 % of the cost.

Prescott Baston reported that the Wastewater Commission might be required to pay certain legal fees in connection with legal services employed to settle the appeal of the new permit by the Department of the Interior and a Sudbury resident.

Ralph Wegener reported that the business users of the sewer system had formed an ad hoc committee and had retained an attorney to discuss the cost of the new plant and the betterments that would be assigned to users. He understood that Twenty Wayland would pay 70 % of the cost of the new plant leaving 30 % of the cost for other users. He stated that the 70/30 split had been mentioned in the 2009 Town Meeting Warrant. He was attempting to locate a signed agreement pertaining to the 70/30 split.

The Articles in the 2010 Town Meeting Warrant pertaining to the Wastewater Commission were discussed and a response to potential questions was discussed.

The report of plant flow for April 2010 showed some exceptionally high plant flow numbers. The average plant flow is approximately 10,000 gallons per day. On April 1, 2010, plant flow was 61,084 gallons and on April 2, 2010, plant flow was 64,213 gallons. Plant flow did not return to normal until mid-month. There was unusually heavy rainfall at the end of March 2010. The conclusion is that non-sewage wastewater was discharged to the system. Bill Prendergast pointed out that the Rules and Regulations of the Wastewater Commission prohibit the connection of surface runoff and groundwater drains to the system. He pointed out that the Rules and Regulations provide for inspection of user premises and penalties for violation of the Rules and Regulations.

The subject of user fees was discussed. The Commission expects that there will be a small increase in user fees for FY2011. Wayland Meadows has not been assessed user fees because there is no sewer connection from the treatment plant to Wayland Meadows boundary. In order to make the connection across Twenty Wayland property, an easement

is required. Twenty Wayland has stated that they will not grant an easement until they receive their DEP connection permit.

A public hearing is required to announce fees and charges for FY2011. The Commission decided that the date of the hearing would be June 22, 2010 and directed Bill Prendergast to place a legal notice in the Town Crier.

Whitewater reported problems at the treatment plant. The aeration header piping is rotting at the water line and leaking air. The Commission agreed that David Schofield would direct Whitewater to make the necessary repairs.

Ian Catlow reported to the meeting by speaker phone. He reported that DEP considered the use of the former septage disposal facility for additional discharge as a viable concept. Mr. Catlow noted that Article 17 in the 2010 Town Meeting warrant proposed that Wayland acquire Sudbury's interest in the septage facility.

Mr. Catlow reported that DEP is reviewing the plans for the new treatment plant. He stated that there might be an issue with the Conservation Commission pertaining to the outfall.

Mr. Catlow anticipated that bid requests for the new plant would go out in mid June 2010 with a contract to be issued in mid August 2010 with construction to begin in early September.

The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2010 were approved.

Bill Prendergast distributed a financial report for FY2010. Through April 2010, income was \$181,537.58 and expenses were \$156,336.42. He reported that the favorable surplus resulted from debt interest being approximately \$33,000 less than the budget for debt interest. New plant cost through April 2010 was \$622,766.07. The bank balance as of March 17, 2010 was \$4,782,782.77 of which \$4.5 million was borrowed.

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Prendergast  
June 9, 2010

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