

# **WAYLAND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2010**

## **MINUTES**

In attendance: David Schofield, Fred Knight, Bill Prendergast  
Ian Catlow, Tighe & Bond  
Twenty Wayland: Frank Dougherty, Tony Deluca, Andy Rockette  
Town Administrator: Frederic Turkington  
Town Counsel: Mark Lanza  
Board of Selectmen: Michael Tichnor, Thomas Fay  
Director of Public Buildings: John Moynihan  
Wayland residents: Anette Lewis, Prescott Baston

Chairman David Schofield called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

This meeting was actually two meetings. The first meeting consisted of a discussion of wastewater issues with Twenty Wayland. The second meeting was the regular monthly meeting of the Wastewater Commission.

The only wastewater issue discussed by Twenty Wayland was the 80/20 split of user fees between capacity and water usage. Beginning with FY2010, the Wastewater Commission decided that 80 % of the total user fees would be based on capacity and that 20 % of the total user fees would be based on winter water usage. With a large capacity (45,000 gallons per day) and current zero water usage, Twenty Wayland maintained that basing their user fees on 80 % of their capacity was unfair. Twenty Wayland would prefer a number lower than 80 % (such as 70 %) which would save them money. After considerable discussion, the Commission left the split at 80/20.

The subject of charging Wayland Meadows for user fees was discussed. David Schofield stated that Wayland Meadows would not be charged user fees until an easement is available to make the connection to the treatment plant. Mark Lanza reported that he had received a letter from Wayland Meadows stating that they had connected to the treatment plant. The Commission was not aware of the connection. Bill Prendergast reported that the Commission had not received a Board of Health certificate for the connection.

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission opened with public comments. Anette Lewis commented on legal fees. She reported that \$90,000 had been expended on legal fees in 2009. She commented that it may be illegal to take funds from the Commission. She commented that she does not want Wayland taxpayers to pay the Commission's legal fees. She commented that the Commission can use eminent domain to secure the easement for connecting Wayland Meadows to the treatment plant.

The Commission decided to hold the annual hearing on user fees on June 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Bill Prendergast was directed to post notices in the Town Crier and at Town Building.

Bill Prendergast reported that approximately \$30,000 in legal fees had been charged to the Commission's expenses. The legal fees pertained to the appeal of the new permit by the Department of the Interior and a Sudbury resident. Mark Lanza stated that the fees could be charged to the Commission. Bill Prendergast reported that there was no provision in the FY2011 budget for legal fees.

Ian Catlow reported that he and John Moynihan met with DEP concerning the design of the new plant. Ian reported that DEP felt that they design was comprehensive but that DEP had a few issues. Ian stated that he hoped to receive a letter within a week from DEP outlining the issues.

John Moynihan outlined the schedule for the new plant. The request for bids will appear in the Central Register on July 14, 2010 and in the Town Crier on July 15, 2010. Bids will be due on August 26, 2010 and the construction contract will be in place by September 30, 2010. Completion of construction will require 14 – 16 months.

David Schofield reported plant problems had not been corrected and that Whitewater was working to coordinate the repairs.

Ian Catlow asked about plans for demolition of the current plant. The response was that plans are not yet in place.

Bill Prendergast distributed a financial report for FY2010 through May 2010 showing income of \$195,383.69 and expenses of \$188,808.42.

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Prendergast  
July 14, 2010

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