

WAYLAND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING OF 11 Dec 2012

MINUTES

In attendance: Fred Knight, Sam Potter, Bill Prendergast
Absent:
Guests: Anette Lewis, Ian Catlow of T&B until 8:30, Fred
Turkington, Tom Sciacca, Mark Lanza for
Executive Session
Location of meeting: Large Hearing Room, Wayland Town Building

Fred Knight called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

- 7:34 1. Public comment
- Anette on TB leaching fields, issues of cost, land control, and removal of septic system necessitating operational charges to the Town, use of the land by WWMDC. Comments on ACO: not required by law so needs explanation in open session for fiscal impact on users. Who is WWMDC rep on FinCom? Need to have a current-year transfer at ATM for \$35k for hydro-geo study.
- 7:40 2. Update on construction and transition to new WWTF, including details on how the transition went, an explanation of the start-up activities at the new plant, and some indication of the range of data that can be available from the new plant, especially flow (Ian)
- During first week of operation (7-13 Nov 2012) went into compliance. Good.
 - Post-Thanksgiving pumping from old WWTP to empty its tanks.
 - Permanent electrical service in place, underground from Rt 27. Temporary poles still need to be removed.
 - Generator in place. Moved from old WWTP. Needed service. Need to have operator keep generator in working order; programmed test run should be part of a weekly routine.

- Seeding and plantings put in, but they may need updating in the spring.
 - Demolition being permitted and checked for asbestos testing.
 - Old outfall pipe is being removed. No existing roadways on top of outfall pipe.
 - Will the new WWTP be operating 6 months before the end of the year? Want “beneficial use” in place before the end of 2012 to allow charging betterments for FY2014. Probably need an engineering letter to this effect.
 - Pump station is working, and operators have all necessary documentation and training for maintaining it.
- 7:55 3. DEP interactions and NPDES operating permit application. There are two areas here.
- Approval of hydro-geo study from DEP on 26 Nov 2012; letter from DEP. The amount for permitting application will be on the order of \$5000, above the \$35000 already spent for the hydro-geo study.
 - Still estimating \$800k-\$900k for piping and leaching field if constructed.
 - There needs to be a draft plan for applying for the new NPDES permit. Can attack this in January 2013
- 8:10 4. Solving the excess flow problem: old and new information.
- Show plots of flow over time.
 - Ian presents a correlation of 2011 flows with ground water levels that were measured in Cochituate. Some other comments that 2010 was quite snowy before the rain-induced Spring 2010 flooding.
 - Sam thinks that he can visit other users whose systems were not inspected in January 2012, in the hope of finding the sources and thus reducing excess flows.
- 8:30 5. Billing issues
- Two billings occurred in early November for 2 quarters: Apr-Jun 2012 and Jul-Sep 2012. New bills were sent for the first time to Wayland Commons condo owners.
 - Both bills had operational charges and the second had

- the surcharge as well.
 - These bills were unexpected from the Wayland Commons owners. I received telephone calls asking for explanation.
 - Water is billed to the condo association. Why should we bill individual owners? Instead, we should bill the condo association. Need to check into this.
- 8:35 6. Approval of minutes
- Motion by Sam to approve, second by Fred, vote 2-0.
 - Note that the \$25,000 to be paid to 20W for pump station #3 (under Land Swap Agreement) requires that 20W is up to date on their payments. (Note after meeting: 20W argues that according to land swap agreement, we cannot hold up this payment.)
- 8:43 7. Reports: Financial report, annual town report, etc.
- Balance of \$596,455.83 after \$113,146.79 paid very recently by 20W
 - Draft budget has significant errors. Need budget hearing in January. How much in advance do we need a legal notice?
- 8:49 8. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting, if any.
- None
- 8:50 9. WWMDC composition; third member needed
- No candidates
- 8:55 10. Calendar: upcoming meetings and events
- Next regular meeting on Tuesday, 8 Jan 2013, normal date; unless we have to delay due to having a hearing for setting rates.
- 8:56 11. Advertisement for new Executive (or Assistant) to WWMDC
- Advertisement on Town Web site
 - 1 interested person so far
 - Leave open for another month
- 9:00 12. Public comment
- Anette says that Wayland Commons needs a permit under our regulations.
- 9:05 13. Executive session on litigation; see motion below. This deals with the impact of the ACO on litigation.
- 10:05 14. Open session and any action resulting from executive session

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- None

10:05 15. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Knight

Attachments:

Financial information: account balance and construction balance
Charts shown at meeting

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