

WAYLAND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION

MEETING OF 15 July 2014

MINUTES

In attendance: Fred Knight, Sam Potter, Rick Greene, Cindy Cincotta
Absent:
Guests: Woody Baston, Mary Farley, Nancy Carapezza, Anette Lewis
Location of meeting: Senior Center, Wayland Town Building

Fred Knight called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- 6:30 1. Call to order
- 6:31 2. Public Comment
- Mary: Asks when will the betterment begin. Answer-the deadline to file is the 12th of August. We have to send notices and give 30 days to pay and allow users to tell us how many years they would like to pay.
 - Mary: Commented that Falmouth passed a lower interest rate and paid over 30 years.
 - The WWMDC stated the enactment requires a town vote.
 - The Attorney General has to pass it after it is approved. It is consistent with law.
 - A member of the audience asks: How is the sale of Town Center?
Answer: We do not have any information on the sale of the Town Center.
- 6:45 3. Motion approved to go into Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen as listed on the agenda.
- 8:45 4. Executive Session on litigation with 20 Wayland and potential litigation with other users.
- Exited executive session and went into open session at approximately 9 PM.
- 9:00 5. Pay Bills
- The board needs to go to the Finance Committee to pay a WhiteWater operation bill in the amount of \$6,889.
 - Fiscal year 2015 bill for Verizon \$160.81 and WhiteWater contract fee for July in the amount of \$3,981.21 were approved and will be paid.
- 9:05 6. Approval of minutes for 2014: 5/14, 5/21, 5/27, 5/29, 6/2, 6/16
- Accepted as amended.

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- Minutes for 6/23 and 6/30 were tabled until next week.
- 9:10 7. Discussion of billing status
- Fiscal year 2014 quarter 4 was billed on 7/7/14.
 - Water meter reads are done and accumulated reads are being gathered.
 - Brendon Homes billing issues still need to be reviewed.
- 9:15 8. Punch list items for WWTF: discussion and status
- Table until next meeting.
 - Notify John Moynihan that Tighe & Bond \$10k, item number eleven on last weeks agenda was approved.
 - Weeds were finally cut at the plant.
- 9:18 9. Outstanding Abatements/Administrative Adjustments to Prior bills
- Responses to abatement requested were all rejected.
- 9:19 10. Discussion of betterment procedure: status and discussion
- The betterment list is now in the hands of Town Counsel, Mark Lanza and he is drafting the order of betterments.
 - We will discuss the total amount of the betterment next week.
 - The question on whether we can pre-empt Town meeting and get the state legislation that will allow us to charge less than the interest rate was discussed. We will continue to have discussion on the matter.
- 9:31 11. Discussion of permitting for new connections, especially Lillian Way
- We will table and discuss next week.
- 9:32 12. Web site status: recent postings and organization
- Rick submitted a list of suggestions.
- 9:33 13. Topics not reasonably anticipated by chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting, if any.
- None
- 9:34 14. Calendar: upcoming events, including hearings.
- Next Tuesday another Executive Session.
 - OARS issue needs to be added to the agenda next week.
- 9:35 15. Public comment
- Mary Farley: stated she sent letter to the Board of Selectmen to state the lack of transparency due to executive session and we have gone backwards causing the users stress.
 - Is mediation still on the table? The board answered: we cannot address.
 - When will the betterment be discussed: The board answered: We cannot address.
 - When will the users hear more? The board answered: The users will hear about the executive sessions when 20 Wayland has settled.

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1. Is there a timeline for when the executive session will be released?
The board answered: We do not know.
2. Are you addressing the way we are being billed? The board answered:
pro-rata decision is posted.
 - Mary: stated in a final comment that she hopes the WWMDC is still acting as an enterprise fund.
 - Sam, Rick and Fred agree that it is in the best interest of the users for the WWMDC to meet with the Board of Selectmen.
 - A joint statement will be issued tomorrow coming from the Board of Selectmen.
 - Anette: look over the betterment package. There is not less than a week that this has to go out.
 - Nancy: stated that the bills are unreasonable. This is the third time she is going through this process and has a lot of money invested, too much in her estimation.

10:00 16. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Cincotta

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