

WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#48, by L. Segal)

October 15, 2009

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Tom Sciacca, Linda Segal,
Location: Wayland Town Building, School Committee Room, 41 Cochituate Rd.

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Update from Don Millette: Reported by S. Greenbaum (He's busy w/Baldwin) Groundwater model not ordered yet. Confirmed Annual Report submitted. Meeting w/Ouellette & DeNatale went well. Baldwin plan seems delayed. D. Millette will work on sand pit parcel near HH. Baldwin Plant Open House will be Saturday Nov. 14 at 10 a.m., w/plan to demo rain barrels.

Cultural Council Grant: Thanks to J. Riley, S. Greenbaum & L. Segal for application efforts & excellent content for proposed Riverfest interpretative educational event. Reviewed language one last time. Urge Audubon presenter to emphasize relationship between land use and what happens underneath affecting wildlife and plant habitat, river, water, etc. Voted 4-0 to approve application and submit today (T. Sciacca motion, S. Greenbaum second).

Birch Rd. Wells MEPA Comment Prep: Deadline is Oct. 23. Boston Globe article by Beth Daley very helpful; highlights concerns of proposed project causing environmental harm. Proponent failed to provide enough real data so not enough is known to approve. Will have direct and adverse impact on river, affecting Wayland well pumping allowances if river stressed. No scientific basis for proposed mitigation. Will use summary of T. Sciacca's technical analysis. L. Segal to frame draft letter using DEIR August 2009 Certificate Scope as guide. Object to waivers; require Supplemental FEIR to realistically assess impact on river and wells. Need geological sampling data in order to do required modeling. Still only speculation that hydrological barrier extends north from West Plain to Pod Meadow. Need subsurface soil sampling & more extensive pump tests & in drier seasons. S. Greenbaum to draft section on DEP's call for zone II regulations. Will send drafts to chairman no later than Monday Oct. 19. Will meet 10 a.m. Oct. 21 to finalize comment letter and vote.

Meeting minutes: Sept. 17, 2009 minutes voted approved 4-0 (T. Sciacca motion, J. Riley second). Oct. 10, 2009 amended minutes voted approved 3-0 (J. Riley motion, S. Greenbaum second). Four Arch Bridge was connection to Sudbury until it was wiped out by hurricanes in 1950s. From 1950s to 1970s Wayland's population increased fourfold.

DEP Compliance: S. Greenbaum reported that DEP's Sarafinas is still researching. Zoning controls are not enough. Also need BOH regulations to control existing uses, e.g. floor drains in Aquifer Protection District, etc.

Public Education: Probably won't have groundwater model in time to demo at Special Town Meeting. Consensus to prepare handout "WPC reminds you what you pour on the ground can come out of your faucet." Will check with B. Monahan on what materials may exist.

Next meeting Oct. 21, 2009. L. Segal to contact Mike Lowery to offer WPC Master Plan input. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. (T. Sciacca motion, S. Greenbaum second, voted 4-0) (Minutes voted approved 4-0 on November 5, 2009)