

WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#52, by L. Segal)

November 24, 2009

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Tom Sciacca, Kurt Trampusch (until 9:45 a.m.) and Linda Segal

Location: Wayland Town Building, School Committee Room, 41 Cochituate Rd.

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Master Plan Input: S. Greenbaum and L. Segal reported back on meeting with Mike Lowery and Betsy Connolly on 11/19 about WPC's input into the Master Plan Review Committee's data gathering. Mike and Betsy want to hear back how WPC, which did not exist when the 2004 Master Plan was published, believes water fits in to the bigger picture. Saving money by not needing to build a second expensive treatment plant would enable those dollars spent for other pressing town needs, e.g. increasing senior population under-represented in town's overall budget. Would it be cost-effective instead to run a pipe up to Baldwin from Happy Hollow and Meadowview? Sudbury encourages private wells so town does not spend money on treated water for lawn irrigation. Importance of water conservation: DEP SWAP report, overdrawing wells, water/energy use vs. climate change, sustainability, energy footprint of new Baldwin plant, ozone, meeting pumping requirements, managing finances of water utility via account surcharges vs. use charges. High marginal rates create incentive to install private wells yet maintain revenue stream, need conservation to meet DEP limits, natural approaches to protecting drinking water are cheaper and more effective than engineered approaches & are more sustainable. WPC committed to submitting WPP to DEP and implementing it. Before WPC, nobody was effectively protecting wells for water quality & quantity. Town was violating permitting limits. WPC encouraged to pursue grants & explore use of CPC funding. T. Sciacca to meet with DPW Director to discuss second treatment plant. S. Greenbaum will send follow-up feedback to Betsy and Mike. S. Greenbaum motion to approve the content as discussed, L. Segal second. Voted 3-0.

Sand Pit update: S. Greenbaum reported to WPC on Nov. 9 meeting with DPW. DPW Director Don Ouellette & Joel Goodmonson not willing to transfer sand pit land in zone I to care and custody of Water Division. Concerned other inappropriate uses in zone I e.g. tennis courts would be affected despite assurance that request covered only undeveloped land of sandpit. Also concerned about maintaining access for future pipes from Meadowview for second treatment plant. DPW supports carving out a parcel for proposed Habitat for Humanity housing on upland portion of parcel (#37-032) at Stonebridge Rd. Once that is surveyed and zone I delineated, DPW may support fencing off zone I where practical to protect from inappropriate uses that threaten drinking water.

DEP Zone II non-compliance & APD bylaw update: Town Counsel has questions for DEP's C. Sarafinas so he has not responded in writing to WPC yet. S. Greenbaum motion to submit APD by-law revisions for inclusion in the spring Annual Town Meeting warrant, with WPC as possible co-sponsor. T. Sciacca second. Voted approved 3-0. Next Board of Public Works meeting is December 14. BOH will take up floor drain regulations in January.

Public education: WPC half-sheet handout was available to attendees on literature tables at the November 18-19 Special Town Meeting with graphic and “river comes out of your faucet” theme. Next step will be for possible use as tax bill insert. PSA will be posted on WayCam in the next month.

Miscellaneous: Cultural Council grant providers like our June 2010 project & suggested they might fund full cost (\$300). Discussed dividing draft Wellhead Protection Plan into subheadings. Writing such a plan is often tasked to a paid consultant, but so far not in this case. L. Segal to check with Westford to see how they developed their plan. Boston Pops will feature a special musical piece during the holidays written by a Wayland resident celebrating the Sudbury River. Doug DeNatale has not been authorized yet to finish on-site Phase II work. S. Greenbaum to check with DPW Director.

Meeting minutes approvals: S. Greenbaum motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 3-0 to approve WPC meeting minutes of November 5 and 14, 2009.

Next WPC meeting: Thursday, December 10, 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. (S. Greenbaum motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 3-0)

(minutes approved Dec 10, 2009)