

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Facility
66 River Road
Wayland, MA 01778
March 29, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

Present: M. Lowery (Acting Chair), T. Abdella, J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer, T. Holder (DPW Director)

DPW Staff in Attendance: Daniel Cabral (DPW Business Manager), Joe Doucette (DPW Superintendent)

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM

Lowery announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Lowery congratulated Cliff Lewis for his election, and Jon Mishara for his reelection, to the Board.

Lowery reviewed the agenda.

Public Comment

Cliff Lewis of 33 Claypit Hill Road asked if the DPW has any process for cleaning up roadside brush.

Holder described the DPW's process for cleaning up brush and downed trees from the Town right-of-way.

Holder added that the Department does not have the resources to collect debris from private property.

Lowery distributed an email from Gail Shapiro concerning the proposed advanced water meter reading infrastructure (AMI).

Items Distributed for Review:

- 3/20/2018 Email from Gail Shapiro: BPW Water Meters

Water Abatement Review: 9 Apache Trail

Holder noted that the homeowner was unable to attend the meeting.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:

- 9 Apache Trail water Abatement Request

Water Abatement Review: 20 Meadowview Road

Thomas Gulley of 20 Meadowview Road appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Lowery discussed the nature of water meter reading and billing with the current system.

Mishara noted that the proposed AMI water meter reading system would alleviate the issue Gulley has noted.

Mishara expressed his concern that adjusting the bill in question would set a precedent and noted that, in his opinion, he does not feel an adjustment to the bill is warranted.

Abdella made a motion to grant relief of \$91.98 on the water bill in question.

Lowery 2nd.

Abdella and Lowery in favor. Mishara and Wegerbauer opposed. [tie vote – motion failed]

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:

- 20 Meadowview Road water Abatement Request

Items Distributed for Review:

- Handout from Thomas Gulley: 20 Meadow View Rd 2016 Fall Water Bill Discrepancy

Water Abatement Review: 69 Old Connecticut Path

Devins Hamlin, owner of 69 Old Connecticut Path, appeared before the Board to discuss his request for abatement.

Lowery noted that the proposed AMI system would have likely caught the high usage.

Lowery noted that the limitations on abatement for irrigation issues do not apply to this case, as it was caused by an above-ground hose.

Wegerbauer suggested Hamlin wait another billing cycle prior to seeking abatement.

Mishara made a motion to abate the 12/1/17 water bill down to 6100 units, waiving all interest and fees, with a strong recommendation to have the system inspected for further leaks.

Wegerbauer 2nd.

Lowery, Mishara, Wegerbauer in favor. Abdella abstain.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:

- 69 Old Connecticut Path Water Abatement Request

Discussion and Possible Vote(s) on 2018 ATM Articles and Omnibus Budget

Lowery asked if the Board would like to take a voted position on any other articles being presented at Town Meeting.

Lowery noted that Board members could offer factual information on the fields but, in his opinion, the Board should not formally endorse the Recreation Commission's article to construct a turf field at the Loker Conservation Area.

The Board discussed potential handouts for the AMI article, including copies of the PowerPoint presentation from the recent AMI Forum.

Lowery suggested that a Board member be prepared to defend the meter replacement capital request.

Abdella noted that he will draft an explanation on the water meter replacement for distribution.

Holder noted that there as an error in the warrant where the Waste Water Operations Manager is listed under the Water Division, and that an erratum will be issued correcting the error.

Lowery also noted that the two positions were removed from the Surveying Department but not placed within the DPW Engineering Division.

The Board discussed strategy regarding the presentation of the AMI Article.

DPW Director's Financial Report

The Board reviewed the 3/23/18 DPW Financial Report.

Holder noted that a recommendation has been made to the Finance Committee to ask for an additional \$300,000 for the Snow & Ice budget.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:
- 3/23/2018 DPW Financial Report

Discussion and Possible Board Vote Authorizing DPW Director to Submit SRF Application

Holder described the State Revolving Fund application for a \$700,000 borrowing to fund the Town's portion of the Route 20 water main replacement project.

Wegerbauer made a motion for the Board of Public Works to authorize Tom Holder, Director of Public Works, to act on behalf of the Applicant, as its agent, in filing for applications for, executing agreements regarding, and performing any and all other actions necessary to secure for the Applicant such loan(s) for construction of planning of Drinking Water Protection Projects as may be made available to the Applicant pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (M.G.L. c.21, section 27-33E, inclusive, as amended) and the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Loan Program (M.G.L. c.29C) for the installation of 2500 linear feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main on Boston Post Road (Route 20) and Pelham Island Road.

Lowery 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:

- *Draft Certifying Authority to File*

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Mishara noted that he, Holder, and Selectman Levine will be meeting at the State House with State Representative Gentile and Eversource regarding the status of the Route 27 & 30 intersection.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:

- *2016 Water Fluoridation Quality Award*

Review and Approve the Minutes of the 2/27/18 and 3/20/18 Meetings

Lowery noted a typographical correction on page 1.

Abdella made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/27/18 meeting as amended.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Lowery made a motion to file the minutes of the 3/20/18 meeting.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion

- *2/27/18 BOPW Meeting Minutes Draft*

- *3/20/18 BOPW Meeting Minutes Draft*

Mishara made a motion to adjourn.

Abdella 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Cabral
Business Manager