

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Facility
66 River Road
Wayland, MA 01778
October 23, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

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

DPW Staff in Attendance: Paul Brinkman (Town Engineer), Daniel Cabral (DPW Business Manager), Joe Doucette (Highway and Park Division Superintendent), Don Millette (Water Division Superintendent)

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Lowery announced the meeting will be recorded by WayCam for later broadcast.

Lowery reviewed the agenda.

Lowery welcomed the attendance of Town Administrator Louise Miller and Board of Selectmen Members Cherry Karlson and Doug Levine.

Public Comment

Bob Smith of 12 Mansion Road appeared before the Board to request the use of the access point on Mansion Road to Dudley Pond to remove his boat.

Holder noted that the ramp was installed to allow emergency access to the Pond, and expressed his concern that allowing Smith use of the ramp would set a precedent.

Lewis suggested that the access to the ramp be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Holder offered to arrange access for Smith to remove his boat this season, as the issue is currently under discussion.

Assess Current Issues Relevant to Oversight of the WWMD; Potential Jurisdiction Transition Alternatives (with Possible Participation by Members of other Town Boards)

[Town Administrator Louise Miller, Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Cherry Karlson and Member Doug Levine, Wastewater Management District Commission Member Rick Greene, School Department Business Administrator Susan Bottan, and Economic Development Committee Chair Rebecca Stanizzi in attendance]

Lowery ceded the chair to Lewis.

Lewis outlined the objectives of a potential jurisdictional transition with the Wastewater Management District Commission (WWMDC), noting that the DPW possesses the technical expertise that would be beneficial to the operation of the WWMDC.

Lewis outlined potential issues he has identified within the WWMDC, noting potential operational issues to be examined.

Lewis identified issues with the High School Treatment Plant and acknowledged that potential alternative solutions to repairing the plant may exist.

Lewis identified the need for a capacity study to be conducted concerning the Town Center Treatment Plant.

Holder noted that Wastewater Operations Manager Richard Pezzolessi has started work and has begun to identify and address operational issues.

Town Administrator Louise Miller noted that she agrees with the assessment Lewis has presented.

Board of Selectmen Member Cherry Karlson noted that coordination among other town boards is important to the process.

Rick Greene, member of the WWMDC, discussed the status of the WWMDC, noting that the legal issues with the WWMDC are now settled, and expressed his support for the job Holder and Pezzolessi have done for the WWMDC.

Greene expressed his support for find a solution that will present a long-term benefit for the users of the wastewater system.

Susan Bottan, School Department Business Administrator, noted that the School Committee is in support of developing a plan to efficiently operate the High School Treatment Plant.

Rebecca Stanizzi, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, noted that the availability of capacity is critical to the continued development of the Route 20 corridor.

Lewis noted that the next step in the process is to involve the collaboration of individual boards.

Karlson asked Lewis what he envisioned the end-structure of the WWMDC would look like.

Lewis replied that the intention is to address the issues present before determining the final structure.

Lowery expressed his hope that the WWMDC enterprise fund would be treated like the Water enterprise fund, and added that he would like to explore the potential sale of effluent for irrigation use.

Lowery suggested that, as part of the long-term mission, other areas in need of service, such as the Cochituate business area and Dudley Pond, be considered.

Items Distributed for Review:

- Lewis's summary of the state of the WWMDC

Discussion of Selectmen's Decision not to Include AMI Article in the Warrant

Lowery noted that the Board of Selectmen, with the recommendation of the Town Administrator and Finance Director, removed the AMI Article from the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Lowery expressed his dissatisfaction with the communication between the Board, the Finance Committee, and the Finance Director.

Miller noted that she will discuss the issues with the AMI Article with Holder and Finance Director Brian Keveny, but the decision when to proceed with meter installation and the presentation of the AMI article at Annual Town Meeting rests with the Board.

Wegerbauer suggested that the Board present the AMI Article at Annual Town Meeting, and that the installation of new meters be delayed until after the AMI Article is voted.

Mishara described the unexpected opposition that the AMI Article faced at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Karlson noted that the Board of Selectmen supported the article in the spring, but the budget process has since changed, and discussed the effect of funding the article by cash capital rather than borrowing.

Abdella distributed a recent Engineering News-Record article "Water Sector Embracing Big Data", which noted a potential 12% operational costs savings due to AMI systems.

Abdella noted that a thorough analysis on a potential connection to the MWRA needs to be conducted.

Lowery noted that the Board will need to decide whether to immediately begin replacing meters, and whether the operating budget should be adjusted to accommodate quarterly billing utilizing the current reading system.

Abdella suggested that the Finance Committee be consulted on whether the installation of new meters should be delayed.

George Uveges, Finance Committee Member but speaking on his own behalf, expressed his opinion that a delay of installation, if justified, would be acceptable.

Wegerbauer made a motion to delay the installation of new water meters, pending the results of the AMI Article at Annual Town Meeting.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Items Distributed for Review:

- “Water Sector Embracing Big Data” Engineering News-Record 10/15/2018

DPW Director’s Operational Report

Holder reviewed the DPW Operational report.

Holder noted that the construction on the Transfer Station Access Road environmental improvements is currently underway.

Mishara asked when the anticipated completion date was.

Town Engineer Paul Brinkman replied that the project should be completed in May 2019.

Lowery asked about the status of the police firing range.

Holder noted that the proposed location for the police firing range appears to be no longer feasible.

Holder described a recent meeting he attended concerning the construction of the intersection of Routes 27 and 30, noting that the utility poles have been removed with final paving scheduled by MassDOT for the spring.

Holder noted that the construction of the Route 20 water main is due to commence on November 3.

Holder noted that the DEP has issued a permit to do investigative work on the cap of the Route 20 South landfill.

Holder noted that the paving of the Spring Hill neighborhood has been delayed, as National Grid has not yet completed scheduled repairs in the area.

Holder added that there has been interest in establishing passive recreation on portions of the Route 20 South capped landfill site.

Highway and Park Superintendent Joe Doucette noted that North Cemetery paving is done and a new section is anticipated to be opened in the spring.

Wegerbauer thanked the Park Division for addressing issues at the Claypit Hill Fields.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion:

- 10/23/2018 DPW Director’s Report

Board Members’ Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Lewis thanked the DPW for the paving and installation of signage on Claypit Hill Road.

Lowery thanked the Highway Division for repairing a broken curb at the corner Simpson Road and Lakeshore Drive.

Lowery asked what the DPW's responsibility is for weed control on the median strips at the High School.

Holder noted that the area around the solar panels has been done by the DPW, but the area around the community pool is done by an outside contractor hired by the pool.

Holder noted that he is currently in discussions with the School Department regarding who has historically maintained the area in question.

[Wegerbauer departed at 8:42pm]

Lowery noted that he attended a Historical Commission presentation on 107 Old Sudbury Road, during which the DPW was thanked for their assistance.

Lowery thanked the DPW on behalf of the Surface Water Quality Committee for hauling away weeds that were removed from Dudley Pond.

Review and Approve the Minutes of the 10/9/2018 Meeting

Lowery noted a typographical correction to page three.

Lowery offered a clarification concerning the involvement of Lewis and Abdella with the WWMDC, as referenced on page five, noting that they were tasked with reviewing the operations of the wastewater system.

Abdella made a motion to accept the minutes of the 10/9/2018 meeting as amended.

Lewis 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion
- 10/9/2018 BOPW Meeting minutes Draft

Mishara made a motion to adjourn.

Lewis 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Cabral
Business Manager