

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Facility
66 River Road
Wayland, MA 01778
June 4, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

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

DPW Staff in Attendance: Paul Brinkman (Town Engineer), Joe Doucette (Highway and Park Division Superintendent), Don Millette (Water Superintendent), Anita Martin (DPW Business Manager), Sarkis Sarkisian (Town Planner)

Others Present: William Joseph (Tree Warden), Jesse Adelman (Draper Road), Andy Oppenheim (Bow Road), Andrew Reck (Planning Board), Jennifer Steel (Planning Board), Anette Lewis (Planning Board), Albert "Ira" Montague (Planning Board)

Meeting opened at 7:05 PM

Lowery noted that the meeting would be recorded by WayCam.

Lowery reviewed the agenda.

Public Comment

Ira Montague asked about the status of Irwin Road and some proposed maintenance that is being completed by DPW. A neighbor had indicated that maintenance by leveling and placing gravel and millings to improve the road. DPW affirms that a portion of the road is public based upon our records and coordination with the neighbors will occur. Sarkisian mentions concern about the character (keeping). Anette Lewis mentions list of public roads at Clerk's office.

Tree Hearing – Scenic Roads

Lewis was charged with managing the Tree Hearing and invited Planning Board to table. The Tree Hearing for Scenic Roads was held jointly with the Planning Board. Planning Board Members), Andrew Reck, Jennifer Steel, Anette Lewis, and Albert "Ira" Montague in attendance with the Town Planner Sarkis Sarkisian. List of trees was reviewed. Discussion regarding specific concerns to listed trees as follows:

Tree Number 1654 - Bow Road. Lowery concerned about the size 65"+/- and likely age of the tree. Mishara asks if public safety issue – Doucette and Joseph state yes. Tree has already lost three leaders and three service calls with response by DPW. Joseph discusses existing damage and that removing dangerous limbs won't result in the saving of the tree; will not recover. Threatens right of way and private property – property owner in attendance – mentions issues and worries about danger.

Discussion of potential to save. Steele mentions high risk and that abating risk will result in essential "snag" without a chance of recovery.

Abdella asks if there is a list of tree assets on Scenic Roads and discusses the need to begin to do more preventative maintenance so trees of this nature can be preserved. Lewis requests that a future BoPW meeting have an item on the agenda regarding tree assets/preventative maintenance.

BoPW motion made by Mishara to take down the #1654 tree. Second by Abdella. Vote 4 Yea and 1 Nay (Lowery).

Steele asks if the tree could last a year with some maintenance; Joseph mentions it would be an "eyesore" stump and cost more to try and save. Planning Board motion to take down #1654 tree
Vote 2 Yea -1 Nay (Montague)

Discussion of process relative to votes for tree removal. One resident can make a written request which must be abided and the tree is not removed. Request must be written. The tree may be removed by authorization of the Board of Selectmen or if the tree is designated as endangered. Lowery submitted written request to preserve tree.

Tree Number #1570, 134 Old Connecticut Path. Sarkisian asks if there is a hole. Joseph confirms it is significant hazard.

Tree Number #1590 and #1591, 22 Draper Road. Owner removed three trees without permission, requests two others. Sarkisian mentions, that the property owner, Jesse Adelman, requests planting replacements or providing funds for DPW to replace. Lowery mentions that on Scenic Roads, Planning Board has responsibility for enforcement in this area.

Wegerbauer asks how trees are placed on the list. Many appear to be "homeowner requests". Doucette speaks about working with homeowners to determine a reasonable balance for tree removal.

BoPW motion made to accept the removal of all trees with the exception of #1654 by Mishara, Second by Abdella. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Planning Board Motion made to accept the removal of all trees with the exception of #1654 by Reck, Second by Steele. 3 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Wegerbauer asks if Planning Board would be interested in a meeting to discuss potential future field at 195 Main Street. Planning Board affirms interest. Planning Board leaves BoPW meeting to conduct their remaining work in the DPW muster room.

Tree Hearing – Shade Trees

Lewis requests if there were any questions regarding the trees. Discussion on Tree #1655, which was not recommended for removal by the Tree Warden. Discussion if any other trees were problematic. Homeowner is requesting Tree #1655 for removal.

Motion made to remove Trees #1553, #1578, #1637, and #1660 by Lewis. Wegerbauer seconds. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Motion made to remove Tree #1592 by Lewis. Mishara seconds. 4 Yeas – 0 Nays – 1 Abstain (Lowery).

Motion made to remove Trees #1593, #1647 and #1599 by Lewis. Mishara seconds. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Motion made to remove Tree #1655 by Lowery. No Second.

Motion made to leave Tree #1655 by Lewis. Wegerbauer seconds. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Discussion of Water Enterprise Finances and Recommended Water Rates

Paul Brinkman went over a workbook that had been provided to the BoPW earlier in the week. Discussion of current expenses and revenues, as well as projections for FY2019 end occurred. Review of meeting held between Holder, Brinkman, Town Administrator – Louise Miller, and Finance Director Brian Keveny during the prior week. Retained earnings position appears to have improved from the planning numbers that were reviewed by the BoPW in January associated with the use of retained earnings for the purchase of the AMR system. This is largely associated with reduced water budget expenditures.

Information regarding the FY2020 budget and historic as well as anticipated water usage by class and tier discussed. Rate tool spreadsheet presented with a 2.5% increase in rates across the board. This is consistent with the January discussion. It also presents a balanced budget from a expenditures/revenues standpoint – excepting direct capital expenditures approved at Town Meeting (AMR system and MWRA connection study total \$1,350,000). Discussion by members regarding use of retained earnings for rate relief and retained earnings minimums.

DPW Director's Operational Report

Holder provided comments to the Board relative to:

- Route 20 Water Main construction project
- Phase 3 Water Main design status
- High School Field and associated water main reconfiguration.
- High School Wastewater Treatment Plant

Lowery requests a meeting with GIS Coordinator to discuss issues with GIS and data

Lowery and Holder discuss permitting software procurement process and information that will be produced prior to Fall Town Meeting. The software is proposed to be an Article at the Fall Town Meeting.

Lowery comments on the good aesthetics of the new walkway at Town Beach. Holder acknowledges staff efforts.

Lowery requests information on Dudley Brook cleaning. Holder indicates work is complete. Information on schedule for the 195 Main Street (old DPW facility) was requested. It is anticipated to occur after Middle School is complete. Access to the property (DPW area) will be unavailable for the summer. The project does not include restoration of the area.

Discussion and Potential Board Vote Regarding Town's GIS Access Policy

Lowery drafted a letter that states 1) BoPW should have access to MS4 and Water layers and data in the GIS and 2) requests that a policy be prepared that addresses the access to GIS information on a Town-wide basis. Letter submitted. Holder and Brinkman discuss challenges and concerns with the proposed request. Board discussion of the Lowery letter.

Motion made to set a BoPW policy to grant access as is available to the Town Staff to then acting members, during their term, for water distribution and MS4 layers/data by Wegerbauer. Mishara offers amendment to language "in furtherance of Board functions". Policy to be issued to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen. Lewis seconds. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Request made to staff to provide some static prints of 4 tiles of the current MS4 and water information in the Dudley Pond area.

Motion made to authorize the Chairman to notify Town Administrator of BoPW. Abdella seconds. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Public Education – Rollout of AMR

Lowery mentions letter in Town Crier by Mr. Robinson and Believes it requires a response. Lowery requests permission for two staff to create a response. Abdella proposes no response – given the offensive tone of the letter and inaccurate statements it does not dignify a response. Lewis presents a draft letter. No further actions taken.

Cemetery Trust Fund Management

Board requests that a member of the Trust attend a future meeting to have a more productive conversation. Provide Trust documentation and fund statement. Item tabled until a future meeting.

Fall Town Meeting – Spencer Circle Status

Lowery reports from Board of Selectmen meeting "No progress has been made". Discussion of DPW tracking list and getting access to Town Counsel.

Motion made to have Holder at the earliest opportunity to get a date certain when we can expect the Spencer Circle easement language. Date to be provided to the BoPW by Lowery. Mishara seconds. 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours Prior to posting, if any

Holder notifies the Board of receipt of a letter from Eversource related to herbicide application in the their right-of-way. Holder requested that the previous letter developed and issued by Board be updated and issued to Eversource. Board approval given.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Lewis concerned with the Route 20 South Landfill status. Lowery reported that a Selectman suggested a future meeting between BoPW and Board of Selectmen to discuss.

Wegerbauer requests agenda item for next BoPW meeting related to 195 Main Street status. Lowery requests minutes from a previous meeting when a Memorandum of Understanding was prepared relative to the handover of the property to the Library Commission for the potential construction of a new library. A request to notify Recreation and Planning as well. Suggests reviewing environmental conditions report(s).

Lowery requests update of DPW purchase requests. Holder provides update.

Lowery requests a copy of the water bill that will be issued by the new billing software.

Review and Approve the Minutes of the 5/21/2019 Meeting

Minor edits noted.

Mishara made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/21/2019 meeting as amended.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion
- 5/21/2019 BOPW Meeting Minutes Draft

Set or Confirm Future Meeting Dates & Topics / To-Do List

The Board confirmed that meetings will continue to occur on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Meetings as scheduled at previous meeting still stand. 6/18/19, 7/2/19 and 7/16/19 anticipated future meetings.

Wegerbauer made a motion to adjourn.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Brinkman
Town Engineer

Scenic Trees

For

Public Tree Hearing

June 4, 2019

I OBJECT TO THE REMOVAL OF ^{5/4/19}
TREE #1654 LISTED AT 13 BOW ROAD.

I PREFER THAT ALL LEADERS WHICH
CONSTITUTE AN IMMINENT DANGER BE
REMOVED AND THE TREE BE RECONSIDERED
IN TWO YEARS.

Michael Lowery
120 Lakeshore Dr.
Wayland.

Date of report	FY 2019 Budget/Higher Revenue Projection	FY 2019 Actual YTD 92.60%	6/30/2018 % realized	FY 2019 Anticipated at Close	
6/3/2019					
Costs					
Salaries	\$ 762,296	\$ 669,032	87.77%	\$ 743,368	
Expenses	\$ 1,686,742	\$ 1,224,730	72.61%	\$ 1,360,811	
Indirect Costs	\$ 383,537	\$ 355,166	92.60%	\$ 383,537	
Transfer to OPEB	\$ 7,635	\$ 7,070	92.60%	\$ 7,635	
Encumbrances					
Debt Service	\$ 1,307,263	\$ 1,266,924	96.91%	\$ 1,266,924	
New Debt Service					
Total	\$ 4,147,473	\$ 3,522,922	84.94%	\$ 3,762,276	
Revenues				95.00%	
Water Usage Charges	\$ 3,442,863	\$ 2,940,828	85.42%	\$ 3,235,328	
Meter Charge	\$ 290,000	\$ 272,441	93.95%	\$ 305,691	
Misc Revenue	\$ 35,000	\$ 52,249	149.28%	\$ 52,249	
Service Order	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,396	77.58%	\$ 20,945	
Penalties and Interest	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,979	75.92%	\$ 18,979	
Liens	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,679	100.68%	\$ 128,760	
Charges for Municipal Irrigation					
Capital Improvement	\$ -				
Interest on late payments	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,452.79			
Interest on Retained Earnings					
Transfers from Water Capital	\$ -				
Total Revenues	\$ 3,922,863	\$ 3,410,026	86.93%	\$ 3,761,953	
Cost/Expense Balance	\$ (224,610)	\$ (112,896)		\$ (322)	
Direct Expense					
ATM Water Surplus (Direct Capital)*	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000		\$ 190,000	
Surplus / Deficit	\$ (414,610)	\$ (302,896)		\$ (190,322)	
Retained Earnings (Fund Balance)	\$ 2,140,293	\$ 2,252,007		\$ 2,364,581	

\$ 3,561,964 \$ 3,711,319.66

	FY 2020 Approved Budget
Costs	
Salaries	\$ 808,888
Expenses	\$ 1,476,000
Indirect Costs	\$ 374,779
Transfer to OPEB	\$ 7,635
Encumbrances	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 1,337,510
New Debt Service	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,004,812
	\$ -
Revenues	\$ -
Water Usage Charges	\$ 3,436,986
Meter Charge	\$ 300,000
Misc Revenue	\$ 40,000
Service Order	\$ 25,000
Penalties and Interest	\$ 25,000
Liens	\$ 100,000
Charges for Municipal Irrigation	\$ 30,000
Capital Improvement	\$ -
Interest on late payments	\$ -
Interest on Retained Earnings	\$ 47,826
Transfers from Water Capital	\$ 51,363
Total Revenues	\$ 4,004,812
	\$ -
Cost/Expense Balance	\$ (0)
	\$ -
Direct Expense	\$ -
ATM Water Surplus (Direct Capital)*	\$ 1,350,000
	\$ -
Surplus / Deficit	\$ (1,350,000)
	\$ -
Retained Earnings (Fund Balance)	\$ 1,014,580

Rate Setting FY 2020

	Residential	Usage (Ccf)	Existing Rates	Existing Revenue	Rate Increase	New Rate	New Revenue
Tier 1	0 to 15 Ccf	136,000	\$ 5.57	\$ 757,553	2.50%	\$ 5.71	\$ 776,491
Tier 2	15 to 30 Ccf	95,000	\$ 7.35	\$ 698,599	2.50%	\$ 7.54	\$ 716,064
Tier 3	30 to 80 Ccf	92,000	\$ 8.57	\$ 788,722	2.50%	\$ 8.79	\$ 808,440
Tier 4	> 80 Ccf	42,000	\$ 14.46	\$ 607,324	2.50%	\$ 14.82	\$ 622,507
Commercial							
Tier 1	0 to 7.5 Ccf	5,000	\$ 5.57	\$ 27,851	2.50%	\$ 5.71	\$ 28,547
Tier 2	7.5 to 30 Ccf	8,000	\$ 7.35	\$ 58,829	2.50%	\$ 7.54	\$ 60,300
Tier 3	30 to 100 Ccf	13,000	\$ 8.57	\$ 111,450	2.50%	\$ 8.79	\$ 114,236
Tier 4	> 100 Ccf	20,000	\$ 14.46	\$ 289,202	2.50%	\$ 14.82	\$ 296,432
				Total	2.50%		\$ 3,423,018
				Budget Value		Revenue Increase	\$ 83,488
				Difference		Difference	\$ (13,968)

Final Usage Projection for FY 2019					
Residential			Commercial		
Tier	CCF		Tier	CCF	
1	136,000		1	5,000	
2	95,000		2	8,000	
3	92,000		3	13,000	
4	42,000		4	20,000	
Total	365,000		Total	46,000	

Mr. Robinson

We have received your letter and while we appreciate your concerns, we do take umbrage with your attempt, or with anyone's attempt to compare a free, open and democratic process with Nazi Germany.

The discussion on automatic reading of water meters has been an ongoing process for some months and while there was ample time for public input, we are hearing from you only after the public debate has closed and only after the overall merits of the automatic reading article have been acknowledged by an overwhelming majority of your fellow citizens at Wayland's recent Town Meeting.

In regards to your specific questions, we must let you now that the Board of Public Works as well as the Town's Department of Public Works have both spent considerable time and effort on the process and on the justification of the water meter subject. This effort was done in concert with the regulations put forward by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Affairs (might not have the correct name here) concerning the issuance of the water withdrawal permit issued to the Town of Wayland.

When we look at the ongoing responsibilities of the DPW and the Board of Public Works, we find that neither is staffed with people with sufficient extra time to assemble the set of answers to your questions nor does either staff have sufficient extra and unused time available to engage in yet another debate on the subject. The democratic process cannot guarantee that each and every citizen will be pleased with the result. Even though you may not agree with the overwhelming majority of your fellow citizens, it is the process of free and open discussion by which we are governed.

LETTER TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN and TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
REGARDING BOARD AND COMMISSION GIS ACCESS

Wayland's geographic information system (GIS) organizes the town's geographic-based information. The GIS consists of base maps, selectable data layers of different types which can be displayed on a base map, and tools for measurement, annotation, and limited data extraction.

The AG has affirmed that GIS data are public records* with certain exceptions.

"Exemptions relevant to GIS

(a) Statutory – exempt by statute, (n) Facility drawings, blue prints, plans, policies, drawings, etc. relevant to public safety, (o) Judicial/Law Enforcement Personnel – home contact information of personnel and their families." (This discussion of exemptions starts on page 12 of the guide)

Most of Wayland's GIS layers are public, some are limited to "staff". As of 2016 some of those limited layers include (from Alf Berry 2016 list):

- F). Utility Infrastructure (pre-2012). Older data layer for reference purposes only. Data includes Headwalls, Inlets, and Manholes.
- J). Access Easements (old town data that is for viewing purposes only, yet might not be accurate to current standards)
- K). Drainage Easements (see J)
- L). Drainage Pipe Conditions (pre-2012: see J)

Information in these layers is not currently accessible to the Board of Public Works, as the Board is not considered 'staff'. These layers were public as late as 2007.

Wayland does not have a written policy governing GIS access. Four years ago, the Town Surveyor began work on a policy where data layers had custodial boards, and those boards would determine access for their data. This work was not completed.

The Board of Public Works has responsibility as Road Commissioners for stormwater infrastructure and assuring compliance with MS4. Board of Public Works members have been asked by members of the public to assist with stormwater issues affecting their property. The Board of Public Works as water commissioners has responsibility for the planning and policy decisions on the water distribution system. Not having access to these layers limits the Board's ability to perform its mandated functions. The Board of Public Works is considered 'staff' and 'employees' in other respects.

The Board of Public Works therefore asks that the Town grant access for the Board of Public Works members, during their terms, to the stormwater and water distribution system data layers within the Wayland GIS.

The Board of Public Works suggests to the Town that it create a written policy regarding public access to the GIS, authorized by the Selectmen. We suggest the Board of Public Works, the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Economic Development Committee be encouraged to comment on a draft of this policy.

Thank you for your consideration,
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prepdf/guide.pdf>

* Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

A GIS is a computer system designed to store, capture, analyze and display geographically referenced information. Often, the information that comprises Commonwealth or municipal GIS databases is submitted by private surveyors and engineers who exercise intellectual property rights over nonfactual portions of the materials.

While there are no Massachusetts court cases interpreting this issue, it is clear that the legislature did not carve out specific exemptions from the Massachusetts Public Records Law allowing protected intellectual property in the custody of a governmental entity to be withheld from public dissemination. The Public Records Law does not serve to preempt federal intellectual property law, nor does the Public Records Law exonerate those who violate intellectual property rights validly held by private individuals or governmental entities once the public GIS records have been released. As a precaution, records custodians of GIS records are encouraged to indicate on released GIS records that the information contained in the records may be subject to intellectual property protections.

Given that GIS records are public, the fees a municipal records custodian may assess for access to these records have been statutorily set. GIS records fall under the category of public records that are not susceptible to ordinary means of reproduction, thus, the Public Records Access Regulations provide that the records custodian may assess the actual cost incurred in copying the requested records. Fees assessed for these records cannot serve as a deterrent for access or as a means of generating revenue.

Other Resources:

"A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law":

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prepdf/A-Guide-to-Massachusetts-Public-Records-Law-2017-Edition.pdf>

Updated January 2017

Overview of the public records law as it pertains to GIS data

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/gis-and-the-public-records-law> (a presentation)

Neil MacGaffey, Assistant Director Mass GIS, March 2006

In 1996, Mary E. Schwind, then Acting Supervisor of Public Records, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, wrote a letter to Daniel M. Funk, City Solicitor for the City of Newton

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/letter-from-public-records-custodian-on-gis>

List of Wayland MA GIS staff limited layers: (received from Alf Berry)

https://www.sugarsync.com/pf/D76227_94387237_62363539

William Hayes
Supervisor
Electric Transmission
Vegetation Management

Certified Return Receipt Requested

May 24, 2019

Dear Municipal Official,

In a letter dated January 18, 2019 you received notification that Eversource Energy, Eastern MA intends to selectively apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through your municipality. As discussed in the 21day notification letter, this treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program described in our 2018-2022 *Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for Central, Eastern, and Southeastern, MA*. Both the VMP and the 2019 *Yearly Operational Plan (YOP)*, including treatment maps are posted at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eca/agencies/agr/pesticides/vegetation-management-and-yearly-operation-plans.html>

<https://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/about/about-us/doing-business-with-us/municipal-officials/transmission-vegetation-management>

Please let us know if there are any additional regulated sensitive areas located on or near the rights-of-way; please advise us as soon as possible so we can establish permanent records and implement appropriate field protective actions. We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts recommended herbicides for use in sensitive areas listed in section VII of the YOP will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the ROWs using backpack equipment. Copies of the manufacturers' labels and fact sheets are also included in the YOP.

The foliage treatments will take place between April 1st and October 18th along with cut surface treatments (CST). Fall CST, basal treatments or sensitive foliar treatments may be necessary and are scheduled between October 1st and December 31st in areas along the ROWs that might not have received a foliage treatment or to trees over 12 feet tall. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress. In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07, no application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

The work will be performed by one of the following companies:

Vegetation Control Service, Inc.
2342 Main Street
Athol, MA 01331
(978) 249-5348

Lewis Tree Service, Inc
300 Lucius Gordon Drive
West Henrietta, NY 14586
(585) 436-3208

Lucas Tree
636 Riverside St.
Portland, ME 04104
(888) 845-7870

Tree Tech
6 Springbrook Rd.
Foxboro, MA 02035
(888) 873-3832

Stanley Tree Service, Inc.
662 Great Rd
North Smithfield, RI 02896-6864
(866) 765-4783

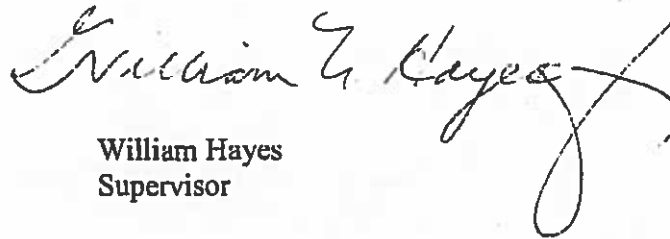
Rainbow Treecare
11571 K-Tel Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55343
(952) 922-3810

This second courtesy informational 21-day notification is in compliance with Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws and 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact the Director of Rights-of-Way Program, Pesticide Bureau, 215 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114-2151, tel: (617) 626-1700.

If there are any questions or comments relative to technical questions about the treatment program or you would like a hard copy of the VMP please contact or have any questions about Eversource Energy, Eastern MA and its electrical rights-of-way system to William Hayes (781) 441-3932 for transmission lines and Paul Sellers (508) 790-9007 for distribution lines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Hayes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William Hayes
Supervisor

cc: Board of Health,
Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Municipal Water Supplier
Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau.



WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

TOWN OF WAYLAND

41 COCHITUATE ROAD, Wayland, Massachusetts 01778-2697

25 January 2019 (voted by BoPW 2/5/2019 mailed 3/5/2019)

To: William Hayes, Senior Transmission Arborist
Eversource Energy, Eastern MA
Vegetation Management
One NSTAR Way, SE-370
Westwood, MA 02090-9230

Subject: Wayland Wellhead Capture Zones – Sensitive Areas

Gentlemen:

“The Wayland Capture Zones are defined as the aquifer volume through which groundwater flows that contribute water to the recovery of the well system during normal pumping conditions. Groundwater found in the Capture Zone will eventually be “captured” and pumped out of the ground at the well.”

Page 10, Wellhead Protection Plan, on file with MA DEP.

One of these zones is covered by your 2019 Vegetation Management Plan:

The area within the dark blue shape above in a capture zone within the area covered by your 2019 Vegetation management plan.

As Water Commissioners, we consider this a ‘sensitive area’ within your definition and request that manual methods rather than herbicides be used to control vegetation in this area.

Best regards,
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael P. Lowery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael P. Lowery
Chairman

