

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Town Building
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778
August 10, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Present: M. Lowery (Chair), C. Lewis (Vice Chair), J. Mishara, M. Wegerbauer, B. Goldsmith

Town Administrator: L. Miller

DPW Staff in Attendance: Tom Holder (DPW Director), Paul Brinkman (Town Engineer)

Other: Katherine Lord Klein (KP Law)

Meeting opened at 2:02 PM.

Lowery called the meeting to order and pointed out that this meeting was being held in compliance with the revised Open Meeting Law requirements. The meeting will be live streamed via Zoom as well as WayCAM (Comcast 9, Verizon 38), with all BoPW members participating by teleconference. Public comment would be received by phone at 508-358-6812. The phone number would be active during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Lowery reviewed the agenda and advised that Holder would be covering a Water Conservation Restriction during Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated.

Announcements

Lowery formally welcomed Bob Goldsmith to the Board of Public Works following his recent election.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours Prior to Posting, if any

Holder explained that current data received from various flow gauges and the Baldwin Pond Pumping Station is causing the DPW to implement a full water ban. Present levels of pumping cannot be sustained.

A full water ban differs from the water ban presently in operation in that sprinklers of any type are not allowed at any time, on any day. Only hand watering is allowed.

Wegerbauer queried if Holder had been authorized to implement such a ban without first bringing it to the Board. Lowery assured him that earlier the Board had authorized Holder or Don Millette to issue water conservation restrictions in response to MA DEP requirements.

Mishara asked Holder for a date of completion for the work on Rice Road. Holder confirmed that the final phase of the project should be complete near the end of August.

Public Comment

Tom Fay, of the Board of Selectmen, commented on the need that exists for a DPW laydown area and that the South Landfill was a possible location. He realized that it would take some time to work through all the issues but he wished to state that the South Landfill was worth exploring and that he looked forward to discussing the issue further.

2020 Annual Town Meeting, Spencer Circle Easements

Lowery asked for a vote to formally pass over the Town Meeting article per Board of Selectmen's status on easements.

Lewis so moved. Mishara 2nd, and a roll call was taken.

Mishara aye, Wegerbauer aye, Goldsmith aye, Lewis aye, Lowery aye.

River's Edge Easements on Transfer Station Access Road

Wegerbauer left meeting at 3:18 PM.

Following an extensive discussion Lowery made a motion to advise the Board of Selectmen of the BoPW's intention to proceed with a motion substantially similar to the one offered by the Town Administrator subject three issues within its purview to be resolved prior to a final motion:

1. Assuring that traffic handling would not significantly impact transfer station customers during peak weekend time. It was suggested that this involve DPW staff and a professional firm.
2. Assuring that DPW and Conservation staff be allowed to review and comment on draft easements prior to them being issued by the Selectmen.
3. Adjusting the BoPW motion language to clarify that other than the specific contemplated easements for River's Edge, the BoPW continues to have the same custody and control of the transfer station roadway as it has today.

Lowery further moved that the next meeting should be moved to August 17, 2020 and the revised motion language to be reviewed at that time.

Mishara 2nd, and a roll call was taken.

Mishara aye, Goldsmith aye, Lewis aye, Lowery aye.

Adjourn

Mishara made a motion to adjourn. Lewis 2nd, and a roll call was taken.

Lewis aye, Goldsmith aye, Mishara aye, Lowery aye.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Martin
Business Manager