

# **WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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Town Building  
41 Cochituate Road  
Wayland, MA 01778  
September 29, 2020

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

DPW Staff in Attendance: Tom Holder (DPW Director), Joe Doucette (DPW Superintendent)

Other: Thomas Fay, Board of Selectmen, Seath Crandall, Host (Technology)

Meeting opened at 5:01 PM.

Wegerbauer called the meeting to order. Crandall explained that this meeting was being held in compliance with the revised Open Meeting Law requirements. The meeting would be live streamed on WayCAM, 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. Lewis reviewed the agenda.

### **Announcements**

Wegerbauer introduced Fay as the BoPW new Board of Selectmen liaison replacing Levine. Wegerbauer explained that we did not have a replacement Finance Committee liaison as yet to replace Uveges.

Wegerbauer asked Holder to comment on the Rte. 30 Shared Street Grant for Bike Lanes. Holder explained that the Towns of Wayland and Natick collaborated as part of the MASSDOT Shared Streets Grant program. They obtained a \$55,000 grant to establish bike lanes from the Speen Street/Rte. 30 corner, at the Margarita restaurant, east into Wayland as far as the Snake Brooke Trail Crossing. Lowery commented that this was an important step in linking trails between the towns, increasing conductivity.

### **Public Comment**

Lowery reported that a resident on Waltham Road emailed complaining about people making illegal turns at the Waltham Road/Concord Road intersection. Holder reported that the Chief of Police and the Board of Selectmen were looking into this.

### **2020 Annual Town Meeting Articles – Review and Discussion**

Wegerbauer confirmed that the DPW budget and the River's Edge Easements on the Transfer Station Access Road had been approved at the Annual Town Meeting. He shared that some

discussion had occurred regarding the Stonebridge Road Bridge and Town boundaries. This should be an agenda item for the BoPW at a future meeting.

Mishara asked about the bridge ownership lines between Framingham and Wayland; shared ownership - shared responsibility. Wegerbauer explained that the Board of Selectmen have taken this matter up and are actively looking into the issue. Fay confirmed this.

Lowery asked how long before these deliberations might interfere with the work schedule. Holder said that the plan was to put the bid out this winter with construction taking place next spring and summer, so it would be some time before the work schedule would be impacted.

### **Crosswalk Safety Review and 27/OCP Plan – Review and Discussion (and possible vote)**

Wegerbauer reviewed the background for the recent incident at the Rte. 27/Five Paths intersection. Holder is looking into options for ensuring the crosswalk is clearly visible to traffic. Police Chief Swanick is exploring traffic calming measures in the near term, and traffic rearrangement options to address the issue in the long term.

Holder explained that along with road markings, sign posts and arrows pointing down to the crosswalk, solar powered actuated LED lights would be added with timed LED flashing lights when a button is pressed at the pole. This work should be complete in time for the school opening on October 19, 2020. Holder informed the Board that the Town Administrator was engaging TEC to carry out a broader traffic review.

#### ***Items Not Included in the Packet for Discussion but disseminated separately***

- Memorandum dated September 25, 2020 sent from the Chief of Police to the Town Administrator re: Cochituate Road Crosswalk near Five-Paths

### **BoPW Annual Report – Review/Finalize**

The report was reviewed and amendments made. Lewis made a motion to approve the Annual Report as amended. Mishara 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a roll call vote was taken.

Lowery aye, Lewis aye, Mishara aye, Wegerbauer aye, Goldsmith abstained since he was new to the Board.

#### ***Items Not Included in the Packet for Discussion but disseminated separately***

- Draft FY2020 BoPW Annual Report (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)

### **Director's Report**

Holder summarized his report and a discussion ensued about opening the playgrounds. Holder announced that Rice Road was complete, Sedgemoor had had no breaks since the hydraulic adjustments were put in place, and how November 13, 2020 would end the construction season unless temperatures remained mild, in which case continuation would be a week by week decision.

#### ***Items Included in the Packet for Discussion***

- Director's Report 9/29/2020

## **Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates**

### **- Rte. 27 Bridge Repair**

Work almost completed on the surface. In late October the surface will be sealed with an epoxy finish. The piles will be worked on this year.

### **- MWRA Study Update**

The RFQ process is underway.

### **- Wireless Water Meter Update**

AMI project started two weeks ago. It will involve new software and handhelds. COVID may be an issue since homes will need to be accessed.

### **- Transfer Station Marketing Update**

Wegerbauer asked how effective marketing efforts had been to date, and had the new resident packets been distributed. Holder reported that they had been distributed but no one had presented any of the free passes at the Transfer Station as yet. Vinyl signs had been suggested and the signboards would be used as soon as they became vacant. Sticker sales were slightly down as of this time last year but revenues from bulky waste were healthy. Holder shared that he had explored clean cardboard recycling as an option for the Transfer Station but feedback from other towns, such as Newton, was that there was no financial benefit once you paid for a container and had it hauled.

### **- Rte. 20 South Landfill Visioning Committee**

The Committee is not yet in place but the preparatory work is underway.

### **- WHS Turf Infill**

The Board discussed whether the field fiber might contain PFAS and if this was a problem for draining into water sources. Holder will check specifications.

### **- Sign Enforcement on Road Rights of Way**

Lowery shared that he was concerned by the signage in Wayland and he would like to work with the Building Department to educate contractors about temporary signage in the Town right of way. Holder suggested he speak with Mary Antes, on the Board of Selectmen, about his concerns.

### **- Cemetery Wall Collapse**

Tree roots are destabilizing the wall. The possibility of applying for Massachusetts grants as a source of funding for the repairs was discussed.

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

Wegerbauer asked for two members to work on the drip irrigation regulations' bylaw task force with the Water Superintendent. Goldsmith and Lowery asked to take part. Goldsmith expressed an interest in encouraging residents to conserve water. He suggested preparing a one page flyer which he would send to Holder. It was vital that the Town achieve the target of 65 gallons per capita per day.

Holder spoke about applying for the Forever Chemicals Water Standards Grant to help with the cost of testing for PFAS. Wayland has been doing this testing voluntarily so far but it is expensive and this grant will assist with sampling costs since periodic testing is encouraged. Testing will be required beginning April 2021.

Lewis pointed out that there were 2 cemetery deeds awaiting signature and that he would come to the DPW tomorrow to sign them.

Wegerbauer listed items for discussion at future meetings including the Complete Streets Program, T.S. Revenues, Crosswalks, hydrant flushing, the review of irrigation by-laws and the finance report. Lowery added potential CPC projects.

### **Review and Approve the Minutes of the 8/25/2020 Meeting**

Mishara made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/25/2020 meeting as presented. Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

*Items Included in the Packet for Discussion*  
*- 8/25/2020 BOPW Meeting Minutes Draft*

### **Set Future Meeting Dates**

Following discussion it was agreed to hold BoPW meetings on a monthly basis unless need necessitated an increase in frequency. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 followed by the Fall Tree Hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. All such meetings will be held remotely until further notice.

### **Adjourn**

Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn. Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a roll call was taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Martin  
Business Manager