

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Facility
66 River Road
Wayland, MA 01778
April 25, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Lowery announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Holder noted that Joe Doucette has been appointed to the position of DPW Superintendent and that the Town Engineer will likely begin in mid-May.

Holder noted that a Public Works open house will occur at the DPW Facility on Saturday May, 20.

Public Comment

Elisa Scola, Chair of the Historical Commission, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the North Cemetery preservation project.

Scola noted the Historical Commission is seeking approximately \$4000 in additional funds to repair seven additional stones in South Cemetery in conjunction with the planned work in North Cemetery.

Lowery suggested that a discussion of the additional funding sought be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Holder asked if the South Cemetery stone restoration could potentially be funded from the cemetery trust.

Katherine Gardner-Westcott of the Historical Commission expressed her hope that some of the maintenance suggestions recommended in the Cemetery Preservation Plan would be considered to prevent further damage to the stones.

Water Abatement Request – 47 Rice Road

The Board delayed discussion of this item until a future meeting when the homeowners could be present.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion
- 47 Rice Road Request for Abatement

Water Rate Discussion with David Fox

Lowery requested that this topic be delayed until the next meeting, as Fox was unable to attend.

Preliminary Discussion – Providing DPW Management Oversight for WWMDC Functions

Lowery asked Holder what support he feels the DPW could provide to the Waste Water Management District Commission (WWMDC).

Holder discussed the needs of the WWMDC, and suggested that the proposal should be addressed in a cautious and considered manner.

Holder recommended that the Board should consider naming a liaison to work with Holder, Town Administrator Nan Balmer, and WWMDC Chair Fred Knight to advance discussions and report back to the Board.

Wegerbauer asked that, as part of the conversation, it be addressed what responsibilities the Board of Public Works would be expected to take on under any agreement.

Lowery noted the WWMDC enterprise fund would have to affect a transfer of funds to compensate for the oversight provided by the DPW.

Wegerbauer suggested that it be looked at as a service the DPW would provide to the WWMDC, rather than an absorption of any aspects of WWMDC functions.

Baston expressed his concern that the DPW representative would be torn between two boards, and urged a memorandum of understanding be drafted to address this.

Lowery made a motion that Holder and Baston, in conjunction with Blamer and Knight, develop a proposed plan and fee for service to provide management oversight to WWMDC functions.

Wegerbauer 2nd, all in favor.

Lowery added that, in his opinion, Holder should not be compelled to attend WWMDC meetings and draft WWMDC agendas.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion

- 4/17/2017 WWMDC Future Draft by Fred Knight, Chair of WWMDC

Discussion on Status of Current Water Ban

Water Department Superintendent Don Millette discussed the current status of the water ban, noting that the current water level in the town wells is approximately 1 foot higher than it was at this point last year.

Millette noted that he is seeking to reaffirm the Board's vote to allow the DPW Director and Water Superintendent to adjust the water conservation restrictions as necessary.

Lowery suggested that punitive water rates for resident found to be illegally irrigating during a water ban be considered.

Abdella noted that he feels punitive water rates may not be a sufficient deterrent to users.

Wegerbauer asked about the status of drafting a study to examine the potential connection to the MWRA as an alternative water source.

Lowery noted that the Board had sought funding for a study, but was removed by the Finance Committee.

Wegerbauer suggested that funding for such a study be revisited by the Board.

Wegerbauer asked why a water ban is still in effect if the water levels are so high.

Holder noted that it must be determined that the current high levels are not an abnormality before relaxing water restrictions.

Abdella noted that input from the State also influences the institution of water restrictions.

Lowery noted that he is in favor of eliminating the current water ban.

Abdella added the he feels best management practice is to wait until the spring to determine water levels prior to eliminating the ban completely.

Mishara made a motion to support the position as stated in the summary provided by Don Millette, allowing outdoor watering 2 days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays during the evening hours of 7:00pm to 7:00am), and to allow the DPW Director the authority to adjust the water ban as needed.

Baston 2nd.

Abdella, Baston, Mishara, Wegerbauer in favor. Lowery abstain.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion

- Don Millette's Water Ban Summary

- 4/14/17 DEP press release

DPW Director's Operational Report

The Board reviewed the DPW Director's Operational Report.

Holder noted that the Water Division responded to a significant water main break on Boston Post Road today.

Lowery asked about the status of the NOI for the laydown area.

Holder noted that he met with the wetlands scientist, and anticipates having his findings at the next meeting.

Lowery asked if the status of the library drainage project information could be discussed at the next meeting if any information is available.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion

- 4/25/2017 DPW Operational Report

- 3/29/2017 Weston & Sampson Proposal for Boston Post Road Landfill Feasibility Study

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Lowery expressed his desire to focus on specific tasks within the Board, and asked Baston to be the Chair and Abdella to be the Vice Chair.

Abdella responded that he would also like to focus on specific Board tasks, and would prefer Lowery to serve as Vice Chair.

Baston noted that with the Board's support, he would be willing to serve as Chair.

Wegerbauer made a motion to appoint Baston as Chair and Lowery as Vice Chair.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Board Members' Reports, Concerns, and Updates

Abdella provided the excerpt from the WRAP Committee report on the former landfill on the south side of Boston Post Road.

Baston asked if lowbed tractor trailers could clear speed plateaus.

Doucette noted that the plateaus are designed to MassDOT standards, so trucks would be able to clear any plateaus.

Lowery discussed maintenance equipment owned by the golf course currently being kept on their property in the vicinity of Baldwin Pond.

Millette noted that he will speak with the employees of the golf course and request the items be relocated away from the pond.

Lowery discussed the recent School Committee meeting he attended, noting that they are still looking for a place to park busses.

Lowery discussed the Recreation Commission's plans for the school athletic fields located within the Zone 1.

Wegerbauer asked if the issue with the source of funding of the Transfer Station garage roof and doors has been resolved.

Holder noted that it is not yet resolved and he is seeking an answer to determine if a reallocation of the funds can occur.

Lowery noted that the source of funding is listed in the Town Meeting Warrant as the Transfer Station Revolving Account.

Items Distributed for Discussion

- WRAP Report – Former Landfill South Side of Boston Post Road

Review and Approve the Minutes of the 4/12/2017 Meeting

Baston noted that on page 2, the width of the Happy Hollow Access Road should be 18 feet.

Lowery made a motion to approve the minutes as amended

Abdella 2nd, all in favor.

Items Included in the Packet for Discussion

- 4/12/2017 BOPW Meeting minutes Draft

Lowery noted that the next meetings will occur on 5/9/2017 and 5/23/2017.

Abdella made a motion to adjourn.

Mishara 2nd, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Cabral
DPW Office Coordinator-Administrator