

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Town Building

41 Cochituate Road

Wayland, MA 01778

Oct. 10, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Present: C. Lewis (Chair), E. Chiang, S. Greenbaum, G. Uveges, M. Wegerbauer.

DPW Staff in Attendance: Tom Holder (Director), Joe Doucette (Superintendent), William Joseph (Town retained Arborist)

Meeting was reconvened in person in the Select Board Meeting Room at 7:40 PM. Items on the agenda were taken out of order to allow time for interested parties to attend the Hearing.

Board Member Concerns

Ms. Greenbaum reminded people in attendance of the upcoming shredding event to be held at the DPW building. Mr. Lewis agreed to send out event information to news sources servicing Wayland. Mr. Holder described the event and answered questions.

Mr. Wegerbauer reviewed comments on the transfer station he has seen on the Community Forum and concerns expressed by people regarding trash pick up by private companies in Town. A discussion on communication regarding the benefits of using the transfer station ensued. Mr. Holder will review with the Town Meeting Moderator if literature about the transfer station could be distributed at the next Town meeting.

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

None

Tree Hearing

The listing of trees to be removed was included in the agenda. Mr. Lewis stated that the process would be to hear of any questions, concerns or objections to removing any of the trees listed. Those objections would be heard and those trees would be voted separately. The remaining trees would be voted as a comprehensive bundle. The following discussions occurred:

- 1707 – 25 Orchard - Mike Hill expressed concern about the tree leaning over the road and its closeness to the road. Mr. Joseph stated that the tree is healthy. Mr. Wegerbauer made a motion to remove the tree from the listing and thus not to take down the tree, Ms. Greenbaum 2nd the motion. The motion was passed 4,1,0 with Mr. Uveges voting no.
- 2174 – 135 Woodridge – Laura Novosap inquired if the split tree could be saved by only removing the dead split side. Mr. Joseph stated that the tree should come down as tree was dying. It was decided to leave the tree on the listing of trees to be removed.

Ms. Novosap asked about tree that have been tagged by the utility company for removal. Mr. Doucette discussed that the Town surveyor will be determining if the trees are on Town property or on her property. If the trees are on her property, she will need to work with the utility company on the tree removal. If the trees are on Town property the removal would need to be reviewed at the next tree hearing.

- 2186 – 1 Pequot - Mr. Lewis noted that the tree removal was requested by the homeowner. Mr. Joseph noted that the tree was healthy and should not be removed. Mr. Wegerbauer made a motion to remove the tree from the listing and thus not to take down the tree, Ms. Greenbaum 2nd the motion. The motion was passed 5,0,0.
- 1863, 1886, 1897 – 24 Happy Hollow. Sam Kiffer explained why he thinks the trees should be removed and his plan to eventually replant in the area. Ms. Greenbaum made a motion to remove the trees from the listing and thus not to take down the trees, Mr. Chiang 2nd the motion. The motion was passed 5,0,0.
- 2179 – 14 Kelsey. Bill Josephs stated tree was not viable. Joe Doucette stated that DPW had been out to site many times to remove limbs on ground, his opinion was that the tree would eventually fall down due to its condition. Mr. Lewis asked if any Board members were advocating to keep tree up, nobody replied. As a result, the tree would remain on list of trees to be removed.
- 2172 – 22 Stonebridge. Rob Haskins, the homeowner, discussed the safety issue with the tree blocking the sight view of the road which has heavy traffic. He noted that the sidewalk is across the road and is a danger for his children crossing the street to get to the sidewalk. He distributed pictures of the tree location and the roadway. Mr. Lewis stated he has seen the tree and agrees that it is a safety issue. Ms. Greenbaum noted that the Board has previously removed tress for safety issues such as the removal for the Rail Trail crosswalk. No motion was made to remove the tree from the listing so it will be removed.

M. Wegerbauer made a motion to approve the listing of trees to be removed with #1707, 2186, 1863, 1886 and 1897 deleted from the listing. Mr. Uveges 2nd the motion. The motion was passed 5,0,0.

Adjourn

Wegerbauer made a motion adjourn the meeting. Mr. Uveges 2nd the motion. The motion was passed 5,0,0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectively submitted

George Uveges