

## **WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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Meeting of the Route 20 South Landfill Visioning Committee

Wayland, MA 01778

Via Zoom, June 5, 2023

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Tom Fay (Chair), Erin Gibbons, Clifford Lewis, David Pearlman, Brad Young

Wayland Staff in Attendance: Tom Holder (Wayland DPW Director)

#### **Meeting Information, Roll Call, Public Comment**

Fay called the meeting to order at 11:35. Attendance taken as above and Fay determined that there was the requisite quorum. There was no Public Comment. Minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting were approved by vote of 5-0-0.

Holder presented a review of his visits with MassDEP regarding the maintenance of the cap on the old Route 20 South Landfill. Briefly, the MassDEP will require that the Town cut the existing trees on the site, grind the stumps to grade and mow. The Town has appropriated funds at the April 24, 2023 Town Meeting for this work. The MassDEP proposal follows. Weston & Sampson is preparing a Cap Repair Plan for this work. Basically, the Cap and Repair Plan will allow a buffer adjoining Route 20 where trees will not be cut. The Plan will allow this buffer to be as wide as possible to maintain as much of a vegetated appearance when viewed from Route 20 as possible.

Board discussed the 17 proposed uses for the area that were presented at the February 10, 2021 meeting. Summary of those uses is attached. Board discussed the possible uses and decided that all except the "Housing" and "Bus Parking" are appropriate.

Gibbons noted that Acton has implemented a similar project with one of its land parcels. This is NARA Park in Acton. Gibbons, Young and Fay are to organize a trip to view this parcel and will try to contact the Town of Acton for more information.

Pearlman noted that the Neponset River Greenway also had done a similar project as well. Pearlman and Lewis will visit the Neponset River Greenway project and report back. An attempt will also be made to contact officials who worked on the development of this project.

Holder noted that Weston and Sampson had some expertise in land use planning and could be considered for use as a consultant on the repurposing of this parcel. Lewis noted that a company called "The Collaborative" had done the design for the Neponset River Greenway and that they had suggested they could do a similar land plan for Wayland at a cost of under \$10,000. Fay agreed to discuss with the Select Board to

prospect of having a land-use planning consultant to assist with the plans to repurpose this area.

Under Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated, Lewis noted that the flow of the Sudbury River through this area during 50 and 100 year flooding events backs up and floods the center of Wayland. Lewis and Tom Sciacca have done some very preliminary calculations on water flow under the rail trestle. This very preliminary work indicates the passage of water under the railroad trestle may be the cause of the water back up and that a series of culverts located under the railroad and west of the trestle could possibly alleviate the problem. Fay indicated his awareness of this very preliminary work and believed that topic to be one for the Select Board, not for this Board. The Board agreed.

### **Adjourn**

Gibbons motioned to adjourn. Second by Pearlman. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 12:39

Respectively submitted  
Clifford Lewis, Member

March 2, 2023

Mark Fairbrother  
Solid Waste Section Chief - NERO  
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)  
205 Lowell Street  
Wilmington, MA 01887

Re: **Cap Assessment Project Update**  
**South Landfill (Facility #173053)**  
**Boston Post Road, Wayland Massachusetts**

Dear Mr. Fairbrother:

Weston & Sampson, on behalf of the Town of Wayland Department of Public Works (DPW), is providing this project update for the Cap Assessment Report for the South Landfill. This Conditional Approval was issued in response to a BWP SW 45 Application (Application Number 18-SW45-000011-APP) for a tree root assessment to be conducted on the top and side slopes of the landfill cap. The project started in November 2018 but was paused due to permitting requests filed by the local Conservation Commission. The Town decided to resume the project in December 2021. The field assessment was conducted on December 10, 2021 under the supervision of Weston & Sampson engineer Brian McCormack, PE, TPI. The results of the assessment were subsequently submitted to the MassDEP on February 8, 2022.

The next step in this project is for Weston & Sampson to finalize and submit a Cap Repair Plan to the MassDEP. On August 25, 2022, the Town, MassDEP and Weston & Sampson personnel conducted a conference call to discuss the Project. Several items were discussed during the conference call including possible post closure uses, landfill cover thickness, and environmental monitoring. Currently, the Town is working with Town Stakeholders to determine the best possible post-closure use of the landfill. Once a post-closure use has been determined, Weston & Sampson will finalize the Cap Repair Plan and submit it to the MassDEP as part of the BWP SW11: *Landfills – Major Modification* application. Cap Repair Plan will be developed with respect to a post-closure use to maximize efficiency of the repairs. Also, a construction schedule will be provided for implementation of the plan.

Based on the August conversation, it is understood that the Town may move forward with post-closure maintenance activities while the Town Stakeholders conduct the post-closure use planning. The Wayland DPW is in the process of obtaining funding for fiscal year 2024 for maintenance activities at the landfill. These proposed activities include tree/brush removal, stump grinding and/or groundwater monitoring. Written notice to the MassDEP would be provided prior to the start of any of these maintenance activities.

It is expected that the Town Stakeholders will select a post-closure use allowing the Repair Plan to be finalized and submitted by December 31, 2023. If this phase of work is not complete within this timeframe, Weston &

Sampson will provide an update and revised schedule. If we have misinterpreted any of the discussions from the August meeting, please contact us with corrections.

Also, the Town has decided not to pursue permission for the use or storage of the excess soils from the Loker Field project at the landfill. If you have any questions regarding this update or require any additional information, please contact me at (978) 532-1900 ext. 5006.

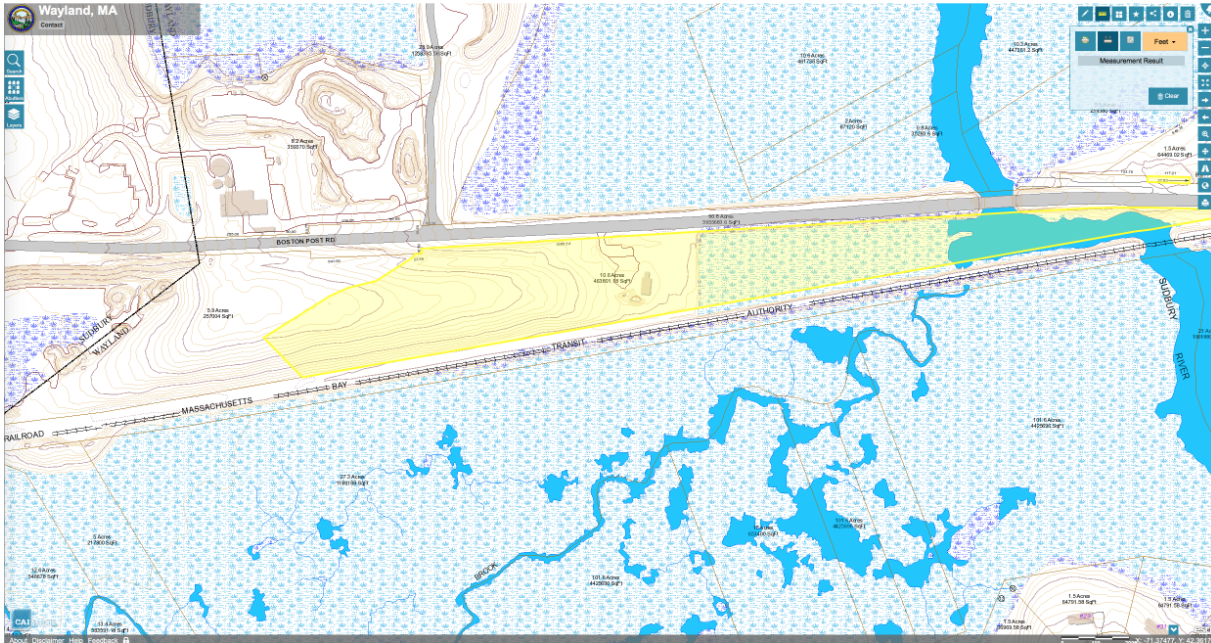
Sincerely,  
WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Roether". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Michael Roether, PE, TPI  
Project Manager

cc: Thomas Holder, Wayland DPW  
Richard Spieler, MassDEP  
Nick Ames, Weston & Sampson  
Michael Scipione, Weston & Sampson

# Wayland Route 20 South Landfill



## 17 Uses for 17 Acres

- Conservation, birding
- Base for rail - trail
- Field (s)
- River access area
- Dog park
- Shared parking 100 cars
- School bus parking
- Shared rest rooms
- Housing
- Solar generation
- Commercial
- Waste-water leaching field
- Highway materials recycling center
- Vegetation borders
- Convert derelict area into Town gateway
- Designing with nature