

WAYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Town Building
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778
January 23, 2024

Present: C. Lewis (Chair), S. Greenbaum, E. Chiang, G. Uveges. Also present: Kirsten Ryan (Kleinfelder Engineers), Carol Martin (Select Board Member) Tom Sciacca (Resident), Kelci Power-Spirlet (Zoom Moderator)

DPW Staff in Attendance: Tom Holder (Director), Joe Doucette (Superintendent), Don Millette (Water Superintendent).

Meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom. Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

Announcements

C. Lewis thanked the DPW crew for their work during the last snowstorm.

Public Comment

Kurt Jenkins, 17 Stonebridge Road, inquired what it would take to install crosswalk flashers on the intersection of Old Connecticut Path and Stonebridge Rd due to high-volume traffic. Holder remarked on previous work done on the crosswalk and measures that have or will be taken to increase safety. Holder states he would re-evaluate the crosswalk location based upon Mr. Jenkin's inquiry.

Richard Turner, Nob Hill Rd, Wayland, thanked DPW for their work during the last two snowstorms and commented on digging out the catch basins in his neighborhood.

MWRA Connection Status/Outreach Update

C. Lewis posted on Wayland Community Forum about the Main Street Pump Station. Holder remarked on Eversource work to be completed at that pump station in order for it to be operational.

K. Ryan (Kleinfelder) was introduced, offering update remarks associated with the long-term permanent connection with the MWRA for supplemental water supply. She offered and clarified a schedule for project design of a new transmission main. They're currently focusing on establishing and documenting existing conditions to get a topographic survey. Surveyors completed a large part of their work and provided a draft deliverable for review. Ryan received utility plans from the MWRA and the initial part of the survey of the Hultman Corridor. Surveyors are continuing their work and are moving to the Happy Hollow Well site to survey that area.

C. Lewis asked if they're concerned with the MWRA allowing the town to connect at Shaft L. Ryan responded that the MWRA has procured a designer and is beginning its design of Wayland's connection. She said that the end of the calendar year is a likely completion date for the MWRA design. Holder expressed an interest to MWRA management in getting their design effort accepted, permitted, and constructed within five years and said that the MRWA understands that they must have their connection work completed within the same time frame as the Town for the connection to be activated.

On behalf of the Town, Kleinfelder prepared and submitted an 8M permit application to the MWRA in order to drill borings and get surface information. Ryan discusses various design tasks and has reached out to the Town to obtain their SCADA and pumping data to be reviewed and used to update the town's hydraulic model. The model will be updated to a dynamic model to visualize how water moves through the distribution system in order to evaluate blending scenarios and confirm pump station sites.

When asked by E. Chiang, Ryan responded that yes, she would provide design updates to the Board as they become available.

Kirsten Ryan left the meeting with no current concerns.

Included in the packet for discussion: Wayland MWRA Connection Phase 1 Schedule 1-16-24.

DPW Project List and Status

T. Holder references a memorandum on project updates, highlighting their various stages of completion. He specifically references the AMI project in which they are preparing to receive their final shipments of endpoints in order to have all the hardware required for the project's completion. They are also ensuring user-interaction and software functionality.

G. Uveges asks if they can begin work with the hardware they have. Holder replies that they will begin working with Mass Installation and start outreach efforts to advertise the project.

Holder discusses the South 20 Landfill Redevelopment Project where they received their Order of Conditions and the Conservation permit. Work is to be done in house with rented equipment. Holder talks about MS4 Compliance where they are working closely with Kleinfelder to perform field work. He calls attention to a capital budget request for the construction and design of a water tank at Reeve's Hill.

C. Martin remarked that the memorandum is helpful, well-constructed, and identifies that many DPW projects have been completed in recent years. T. Holder responded by highlighting future capital projects and their management, design, and required resources.

Included in the packet for discussion: DPW Project and Significant Initiative Status Update, prepared by Paul Piccioli.

Sudbury River Flow Obstruction

Tom Sciacca gives a presentation explaining his perspective of flow restrictions of the Sudbury River potentially caused by the rail trestle at Route 20. A dialogue was had between Board members and Sciacca about other causal impacts to the observed flow restrictions and their role in Wayland flooding as possibly caused by downstream dams.

C. Lewis inquired about looking into Sciacca's request to which T. Holder replies that an evaluation occurred to assess the situation which didn't support the notion of elevated water levels associated with Sciacca's presentation. Holder encourages further evaluation and conversation around the topic with these DPW staff involved.

Tom Sciacca concluded his presentation and left the meeting.

Town Pool Water Bill

C. Lewis inquired on the status of the water bill to which Holder replied that they've recently received two payments which, once posted, reduce the bill's outstanding amount, approximately \$6,500. No conversations have been had with property management regarding reducing the balance to zero.

Later in the meeting, S. Greenbaum, C. Martin, and other Board members inquired about and discussed the town pool's financial situation and payments.

PFAS Update Including Possibility of Lease Extension

Holder says that the treatment system is operating as designed and they are still providing non-detect PFAS water out of the Happy Hollow Well Field. He also says that their lease will expire in June 2024. Future decisions are to be made about pricing associated with what ECT2 thinks of a possible lease extension proposal. Holder also brings up the unlikely possibility of purchasing equipment rather than leasing it. He clarifies that extending the lease would be the best approach.

G. Uveges asks to ensure that the amortized costs within the current lease period are not included in the lease extension as they would have already been accounted for by ECT2.

C. Lewis inquired about the condition of the resin to which Holder replies that ECT2 conducts performance forecasting to determine the effectiveness of the resin and what happens if and when it needs to be replaced.

Route 20 South Landfill Visioning Committee Update

C. Lewis offers an update on their recent meeting with the South 20 Landfill committee where it was decided to retain the services of a consulting company called The Collaborative. T. Holder comments on his involvement with The Collaborative thus far and further remarked that both Weston & Sampson and The Collaborative need to work together on the project using their particular skill sets.

Solar Update

C. Lewis reported that he spoke with Michael McCall regarding the installation of solar panels on the landfills and discussed possible locations for solar panels at the North and South landfills. This was taken under advisement by McCall but no additional communication has occurred.

S. Greenbaum comments on current zoning which doesn't currently allow for ground-mounted solar in Wayland.

Update Turf Field Maintenance

Holder has no immediate concerns however he remarks that periodic meetings are conducted to discuss crumb rubber, screen, and conservation issues. DPW is responsible for monthly grooming of the turf field.

Memo Update Regarding 195 Main Street Unauthorized Materials

C. Lewis previously sent out a note to various committee chairs and department heads about the materials at 195 Main Street. He received responses which indicated that there's no material there belonging to the Recreation Department and that material belonging to the School Department was being dealt with. Holder acknowledges DPW's discarding of junk vehicles at this location. Further conversation was had around other contributions to the material at this address.

Proposed Water Department Regulation Revisions for Shut-Off of Water for Nonpayment of Non-Residential Accounts

This topic was passed over to be addressed at the next meeting.

Water Rate for Indoor Municipal Use

C. Lewis asks whether the municipal rate applies to both indoor and outdoor water use. It was Holder's inclination that municipal rates apply to indoor and outdoor use. He said that he would get confirmation and report back.

G. Uveges requested to ensure that these accounts with municipal rates are reflected accurately in the water model.

Cemetery Fees

J. Doucette stated that staff are preparing a cemetery fee community comparison and will report this information at the next meeting.

Budget Updates - Capital and Operating/Transfer Station Budgets and Outlook

T. Holder reported that all DPW Capital and Operating budgets were favorably voted at the December meeting and that the Finance Committee voted favorably on the DPW Capital budget. Presently, the Finance Committee is considering the Operating budget.

G. Uveges asked if the Finance Committee had any issues with the Transfer Station Capital budget. Holder responded that the Finance Committee, in working with the Finance Department, was seeking a Transfer Station Business Plan.

C. Lewis is working to arrange an informal meeting with some Finance Committee members to learn what they are seeking in a Business Plan.

S. Greenbaum inquired about the possibility of a community survey to gauge the Town's use of and interest in a Transfer Station. G. Uveges suggested creating a Transfer Station outreach bulletin to be distributed at Town Meeting in May.

C. Martin suggested that Board members watch a prior Finance Committee meeting to get a sense of what that membership is looking for in terms of Transfer Station information

Board Member Concerns

G. Uveges questioned whether Holder knew if there was an increase in stormwater runoff as a result of the construction of Loker Field to which Holder replies that aside from the awareness of a subsurface stormwater management system, he wasn't aware of any increases in discharge.

S. Greenbaum inquired about where Water Enterprise lien revenue was posted to which Holder replied that he was working with the Finance Department towards affirming that lien revenue is indeed posted to the Water Enterprise Fund.

G. Uveges initiated a discussion relative to the Town charging for water used for firefighting purposes.

Approve Minutes Board of Public Works

G. Uveges and S. Greenbaum inquired about the posting of water lien revenue as represented in minutes dated 10/17/23.

Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/17/23 and 11/21/23. Uveges seconded and a vote was taken.

Lewis aye, Greenbaum aye, Uveges aye, Chiang aye. Motion passed (4-0-0).

Included in the packet for discussion: draft minutes for meetings dated 10/17/23 and 11/21/23.

Set Dates for Upcoming Meetings

The next regular BoPW meetings were set for 2/27/24, 3/19/24, 4/16/24, and 5/21/24.

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

None.

Adjourn

Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Greenbaum seconded, and a vote was taken.

Lewis aye, Greenbaum aye, Uveges aye, Chiang aye. Motion passed (4-0-0).

BoPW meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Champagne
Minutes Taker