WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#68, by L. Segal)

June 24, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Tom Sciacca, Linda Segal, Kurt Tramposch (left at 10:10 a.m.)
Location: Selectmen's Meeting Rm, Wayland Town Building, 41 Cochituate Rd., Wayland, MA
Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Riverfest follow-up: J. Riley reported on WPC's June 12 event. Attendance unfortunately affected by rainy weather, as were other Riverfest events. Late afternoon canoeing & picnic with SVT had to be cancelled. Suggested reducing scope a little next time, perhaps have one snapping turtle for demo. Perhaps consider a different town beach event where there is a captive audience. WPC Riverfest event has rekindled interest with Historical Commission, which also worked to improve Old Town Bridge in recent years, to act to protect this historic asset, via CPC funding. J. Riley & S. Greenbaum to handle event billing paperwork & thanking/reporting back electronically to Wayland Cultural Council (funding source). S. Greenbaum took event photos. T. Sciacca provided update on canoe launch improvements at Rt. 20 bridge. River Stewardship Council seeks a trailable launch and is communicating with MassHighway seeking modifications to the access road. Use of Sherman Bridge location for powerboats has been burden to that setting, also resulting in need for more speed & noise enforcement. Fish & Wildlife enforcement agent lives nearby; his contact info could be made more widely known.

Website: Reviewed L. Segal's compilation of committee's suggested content for WPC website. Organized items into user-friendly categories. Consensus for WPC chair to share draft with D. Millette, including items separately listed for the water division to consider posting and the logistics for how the WPC will be maintained. WPC is not invited to hands-on computer training planned in town hall for next week.

Wellhead Protection Plan update: MRWA (Bruce Young) is mailing out the proposal to Board of Public Works/DPW Director seeking their approval for completing Wayland's plan. WPC discussed seeking BOPW agenda time in July to meet new board & explain status of the WPP.

Public education: WPC discussed and revised draft lawncare column for publication in the *Wayland Town Crier*. Despite recent flooding, groundwater levels have returned to normal levels, so water conservation needs are not intuitive. T. Sciacca made motion, J. Riley second to authorize the chairman to submit the Guest Column, as amended.

Phase II project (Happy Hollow) update: D. DeNatale was instructed to report data to DPW Director. T. Sciacca reported that the Town Planner published an RFP for a hydrogeologist to evaluate spring flooding in several neighborhoods. Not clear if clay layer in parts of Rolling Lane neighborhood is included. Deadline to respond is July 15.

Nyanza update: T. Sciacca reported on attending June 22 Nyanza public information meeting for proposed engineered remediation of mercury in the Sudbury River. The $8 million proposal, selected from a different & more expensive capping alternative, also was described

in a June 20 *MetroWest Daily News* article. T. Sciacca explained the rationale for placing a 6-inch layer of sand on the river bottom in the downstream reach closest to the release source, referring to the Nyanza meeting handout copies he distributed to the WPC. Sand layer would speed up the attenuation of mercury concentrations in fish from Saxonville to the Route 20 bridge area, but stretches of the river further north along Fish & Wildlife properties are not expected to benefit because of how the more toxic methylmercury tends to be persistent in wetlands. The river is not the only source of mercury, which continues to be deposited from air pollution from Midwest coal-burning power plants. Whether the proposed solution could affect Happy Hollow wells, since the river may be within the capture zone, awaits EarthTech's Phase II data. The EPA's public comment period closes on July 26, with a related public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 19 at the Framingham Library. WPC will decide on submitting feedback at the July 15 meeting.

Meeting minutes approved: S. Greenbaum motion, J. Riley second, voted 3-0 to approve meeting minutes for May 27 and June 12, 2010.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 15, 9:00 a.m.

S. Greenbaum moved to adjourn, J. Riley seconded, voted approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

(voted approved July 15, 2010)