WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#66, by L. Segal & J. Riley)

May 27, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Tom Sciacca, Linda Segal (left at 9:25 a.m.)
Location: School Committee Room, Wayland Town Building, 41 Cochituate Rd., Wayland, MA
Meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

Riverfest preparation: Need "RiverFest event parking only" sign for roadway, courtesy heads up to WCC, other signage, balloons. Ask Alf re printing large signs, J. Riley to check on laminating. T. Sciacca to post 6 RiverFest signs around town, get table from T. Sciacca in advance, T. Sciacca to check with Jack Russell re $50 fee for use of their room as raindate backup. L. Segal brought remaining children's coloring books from office & box of water protection info handouts. J. Riley to order stickers, buy balloons.

Riverfest publicity: RSC already issued press release, M. Antes submitting letter to Town Crier. Town Crier reporter Susan Wagner to write feature story. Discussed and approved WPC letter to Town Crier by S. Greenbaum (T. Sciacca motion, J. Riley second, voted 4-0). L. Segal to check with G. Russell for use of their sign board at landfill entrance for week before RiverFest. T. Sciacca to network with schools. SG and JR will talk to Alf Berry about printing signs.

Meeting minutes approved: S. Greenbaum motion, J. Riley second, voted 4-0 to approve meeting minutes for April 27, May 1, May 8 and May 20.

Website: Reviewed template sent by Selectmen's office. WPC needs to determine what to post on town's new website launching at end of June. OML to require posting meeting agendas in advance by July 1. Refer to Westford & Concord websites for good examples of possible content. WPC mission statement & operating policies, DEP SWAP report, annual water quality report, public education info (organic lawn, etc), hydrant flushing, outdoor water use restrictions, applicable bylaws, APD map & explanation, etc. T. Sciacca reminded that history of Wayland water system used to be on website, and suggests reposting. T. Sciacca reports Nutrition Action has issue on emerging contaminants in water, which River Council and EPA are also looking at. He'll see if a link to report would be useful for website. J. Riley reports on concern about mercury in water from copper plumbing, and T. Sciacca adds that there is new info. on effect of lead on older brains (can be equivalent to aging 3 years) as well as on developing brains. S. Greenbaum will complete survey due June 23 as requested by M. DiNapoli, and charges WPC with bringing list of items for website to June 17 meeting.

Wellhead Protection Plan: Reviewed changes to draft letter from MRWA (Bruce Young) to Board of Public Works & DPW Director seeking their approval for completing Wayland's plan.

SWP Plan: S. Greenbaum not enthusiastic about Sterling WPP which MRWA left as sample of their work. T. Sciacca points out that we'll have report from D. DeNatale re: Happy Hollow, and possibly Rolling La./Old Farm Rd. drainage issues in HS drainage report. Therefore our WPP report will be meatier than Sterling's.

Water Meters: T. Sciacca initiates discussion of WPC members' take on TM vote. Issue of privacy – is information gathered through meter reading available under public records request? Use of term "water theft" for unaccounted-for water and leak detection may have turned people off. Although members support the proposal in principle, there were differing opinions as to specifics: was there enough public process in advance, were numerous questions at TM unanswered, should proposal have been a separate warrant article?

Rolling La./Old Farm Rd. Will DPW hire D. DeNatale, or someone else, to look into drainage issue as requested? T.Sciacca says question is where does water flow beneath underlying clay layer. D. Ouellette has idea to put a leaching pit at Rolling La. to facilitate pumping in the future. T. Sciacca reports that neighbors think that would be a good start, but that re-direction of drainage pattern is needed. D. DeNatale says shut-off of HH wells during flood probably didn't exacerbate flooding, but latest testing should answer that question with determination of how far wells draw.

Next meetings: Saturday, June 12, 2-4 p.m. (RiverFest)
Thursday, June 17, 9 a.m.
Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. Open Meeting Law training

SG moved to adjourn, JR seconded, approved 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

(voted approved June 24, 2010)