WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#62, by L. Segal)

April 27, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley (until 7:30 p.m.) T. Sciacca, Kurt Tramposch, Linda Segal (arrived 7:25 p.m.)
Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room and small hearing room, Wayland Town Building, 41 Cochituate Rd., Wayland, MA
Meeting convened at 7:10 p.m.

Meeting with Board of Health: to discuss requirement for Wayland to establish town floor drain regulations per guidance from DEP. WPC already sent BOH prep materials. WPC also seeks to open dialog on subject of private wells. WPC discussed K. Tramposch's proposed private wells outline and agreed on what to cover with the BOH.

Joined BOH meeting at 7:35 p.m. Dr. Arnold Soslow, Dr. Mark Newman, Dr. Michael Bean, Health Director Steve Calichman and Patti White. S. Greenbaum explained the need for the town to adopt floor drain regulations, which is the BOH's jurisdiction. BOH questions included bylaw vs. regulation, how to educate other departments, businesses, impact to office workload, enforcement, etc. S. Greenbaum emphasized need to do this so Wayland gets into compliance or we'll not be able to get our DEP water permit renewed in 2011. Next step is for S. Calichman to network with DEP & get back to S. Greenbaum. He will also inform other department heads (e.g. land use meeting?).

As general background, WPC asked BOH how they handle private wells. Office staff issues permits per 1983 regulations. Once installed, property owner needs to submit well completion report. They check to maintain separation between irrigation & potable wells and septic systems and USTs. They estimate Wayland has 120-130 private wells, mostly for irrigation. Seems to be some interest in geothermal wells. K. Tramposch offered that in Holliston, a real estate sale requires a private well to be tested. WPC indicated interest in reducing road salt & its impacts. MassHighway is looking at salt impacts to private wells & decommissioning them if they can be found. S. Greenbaum reported WPC interest in having a complete list of all private wells; as a starting point, WPC has 4 different lists (DCR compiled one of them a few years ago).

Dr. Soslow summarized points discussed and suggested action steps, including WPC returning with how to approach residents about their wells, WPC could provide sample private well regulations and other recommendations for BOH consideration.

Meeting minutes for March 23, April 15 and April 16 were approved (J. Riley motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 5-0).

Next meeting:May 1, 9 a.m. Baldwin Open House. Next regular meeting May 6, 9 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. (S. Greenbaum motion, T. Sciacca second, voted 4-0)

(voted approved May 27, 2010)