WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#75, by L. Segal)

September 16, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Tom Sciacca, Linda Segal, Kurt Tramposch,
Water Superintendent Don Millette
Location: School Committee Meeting Room, 41 Cochituate Rd., Wayland, MA

Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Water Superintendent's report: Salt concentrations increasing in water supply prompted discussion about how salt is tested. Not clear why & when data are reported for sodium (inorganic) vs. chloride(on secondary contaminant list). T. Sciacca recommends rigorous sampling program with 2 phase plan. Not clear if tests are on raw or treated water, before or after fluoride added. Should alert BOPW, concern for future, need to catch it earlier, new plant does not remove salt. Ongoing difference of opinion re iron & manganese issue at HH. Meadowview has manganese problem. D. Millette anticipates future manganese standard will be lowered & DEP prefers treatment plants. K. Tramposch described manganese exposure also occurs by inhalation in the shower. Annual Report due September 30; will submit to DPW office. D. Millette explained August 5 reply to DEP re sanitary survey resolved issues: Preparing to fence in tanks at Reeves Hill & inactive requirement removed. He also reported outcome of town's RFP for consulting services: DPW to continue to use Tata & Howard.

Looking ahead: Campbell well needs to be fenced. Given how close floodwaters reached HH wells, they will be moved to higher ground, uphill towards sand pit. Bennett Field will be trying corn gluten next spring after using fertilizer this year (not allowed in zone I). Its irrigation well has poor yield & field is not draining well. D. Millette recommended partial fencing at Baldwin to deter public trespassing off conservation trail & ignoring water department signage. Also suggested moving trail to other side of Baldwin Pond. Discussed proposed warrant article for fall town meeting to change FY11 budget appropriation for cleaning & lining water pipes along Stonebridge. DPW prefers to reallocate $510K to Old Sudbury Rd. & Glezen Lane to improve flow from Baldwin Plant. For new projects, D. Millette recommends new projects not create dead ends with new water pipe as he required Sage Hill to loop to Bow Rd.

Don Millette thanked the WPC for all its efforts. He plans to write a letter to the BOPW explaining the value of the WPC's independent role in protecting the town's water supply. D. Millette recommends the committee's reappointment to ensure the implementation of the wellhead protection plan.

Zone I protection: Phase II capture zone study shows high school fields to the north are outside capture zone. Greater wellhead protection if high school project could swap parking areas and fields. Drafted outline of letter suggesting that to HSBC. T. Sciacca to finalize with S. Greenbaum and send. T. Sciacca reported back from 9/13 BOPW meeting discussion about sand pit construction activity. D. Ouellette reported DEP had stopped by; he told DEP that moving materials around was no problem. However, activity now includes mining the sand, a lot of native material has been removed from pit. Not included in ConCom OOC.

Wellhead Protection Plan update: D. Millette leaving Wayland for water supt. job in Weston at end of month; he'll tour wellheads with MassRWA consultant Bruce Young next Friday 9/24. B. Young will be starting timeline of meetings with WPC on Oct. 14 (Happy Hollow wells) and then adjust schedule accordingly. Expects to complete draft by spring 2011. MassRWA to recommend WPC continue independent role, is needed to implement the Plan, to provide public education, and to support Town's renewal of state water permit. D. Millette told dept. head meeting yesterday that floor drain regulations are required but got no support. Some question DEP's enforcement authority; still need to address risk to water supply without compliance. T. Sciacca doubts there's a large number of floor drains out there, requirement already in plumbing code. Need practical approach to determine which ones need to be sealed or connected to a holding tank or sewer line.

WaterSense photo contest: Consensus not to participate.

Russell's Farmers' Market: Wednesday, October 13, 2010, noon-5 p.m. Public education aquifer model, handouts, water saving devices, etc. S. Greenbaum volunteered to cover from noon to 1, then L. Segal from 1 to 2 p.m. Next year try to get summer date.

Annual Report: WPC reviewed final draft. S. Greenbaum motion, K. Tramposch second, voted 4-0 to send FY10 Annual Report to DPW office and D. Millette.

Crier Letter: WPC reviewed final draft of letter to the editor thanking D. Millette for his decade of service to the water dept. T. Sciacca motion, K. Tramposch second, voted 4-0 to submit to the Wayland Town Crier for publication 9/30/10.

Selectmen's Community Values Forum: 9/30/10 WPC public education: handouts.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2010

Meeting Minutes Approval: postponed to next meeting.

Adjournment: L. Segal made motion to adjourn, K. Tramposch second, voted approved (4-0). Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

(minutes approved on October 14, 2010)