WAYLAND WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (#64, by L. Segal)

May 6, 2010

Attendance: Sherre Greenbaum, Jennifer Riley, Tom Sciacca, Kurt Tramposch, Linda Segal
Location: School Committee Room, Wayland Town Hall, 41 Cochituate Rd.
Also present: MassRWA Rebekah McDermott & Bruce Young, EPA Source Water Protection Specialists, at 10 a.m.

Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Town Meeting update: S. Greenbaum reported that Director of Public Health Steve Calichman will report directly to DEP's Catherine Sarafinas regarding required floor drain regulation (either as local regulation or by-law amendment). Town Planner Sarkis Sarkisian to prepare fall town meeting warrant article to correct Wayland's Article 16 -Aquifer Protection District - impervious lot coverage (15% instead of 20%) to comply with state regulations. K. Tramposch reported on May 4 BOH meeting where a dozen residents questioned wireless meter reading capital budget item. Each house would have antenna, different from fall 2008 proposal still using drive-by. Not enough info provided to public re transmission specs, signal power from Reeves Hill, not clear if it could interfere with wireless medical devices, etc. BOH took input under advisement.

Flooding update: T. Sciacca suspects lack of conclusive evidence that water source must be groundwater. He found 100 year-old document showing drain from siphon pipe off Weston Aqueduct; described as running to "Sudbury Meadows." Discussed recommending a dye test. Need for Town to have an emergency pump is not a WPC issue.

WPC June 12 RiverFest event: J. Riley reported Mass Audubon needs to send WPC an invoice. Cultural Council grant is $500. Consensus the invoice amount should be $375 with $125 left for other RiverFest-related expenses, e.g. coloring books, toys, balloons, signs, etc. D. Millette will order pump for model aquifer. T. Sciacca to network with Christina Veal via their mailing list to advertise event to schools. WPC will also submit Letter to the Editor, press release to Crier, Wayland Voters Network, Riverfest brochure on town meeting literature tables.

MRWA consultants: Met with Rebekah McDermott & Bruce Young (Mass. Rural Water Association) at 10 a.m. regarding their interest in completing our Wellhead Protection Plan. B. Young has EPA contract to produce such plans working with communities with their own drinking water source. WPC already sent them our draft plan, will send Earth Tech's capture zone report. Described inclusive public process, inviting stakeholder boards (ConCom, SWQC, BOH, SC, BOPW, PB, BoS, GIS coordinator) to appoint liaison to a core committee (membership per Water Division charge). Well advertised public workshop up front, conduct surveys, etc. Review zone II for potential problems, e.g. ASTs, USTs, abandoned wells, etc.

Brainstormed possible strategies: wastewater bylaw to require septic pumping, education re septic systems, septic betterments, road salt signage, improve private wells inventory, private well meters to track usage, DEP wellhead protection grants, identify threats to drinking water & who owns acting on them, consider model public & private lawncare bylaws, pesticide use

ban can be recorded on deed, positive public education program for property owners in capture zones, outreach to 4th or 5th graders, town acquire parcels at risk (e.g. land near HH wells, 97 Old Sudbury Rd on market), need land protection plan.

Next steps: B. Young to send one page draft proposal to seek approval from Board of Public Works in June or July, then determine timeline. Lent us their Sterling, MA work product, prompting J. Riley to suggest having a children's section in Wayland's plan. Need to inform & get OK from D. Millette on MRWA's suggestion that Wayland become a member of their organization; their services are free. Public forum in early fall to present initial work.

Next meetings: Thursday, May 20, 3 p.m. Old Town Bridge cleanup. Will need power tools from D. Millette.

Next regular meeting Thursday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. in Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. (T. Sciacca motion, J. Riley second, voted 5-0)

(voted approved May 27, 2010)