

**PLANNING BOARD
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
January 20, 2009**

The Planning Board of the Town of Weymouth held a public meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 7:30pm at McCulloch Building Conference Room, 182 Green Street, Weymouth, MA

Present:	Walter Flynn, Chairperson
	Mary Akoury, Vice-Chairperson
	Sandra Williams, Clerk
	David Chandler
	Paul Hurley
Staff:	Rod Fuqua, Principal Planner
	Adele Cullinane, Procurement Officer
Recording Secretary:	Janet Murray

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

DPW

In Process

Mr. O'Connor, Director of Public Works, stated that the Lakecrest Path improvements are almost complete. CDBG funds were used. This project involved the installation of street storm drains and street paving and is approximately 90% complete.

The removal of contaminated soil at Julia Road is complete.

The final three ejector stations have been replaced. There are 31 stations in all. After this process is completed, all parts will be interchangeable for all the ejector stations. The cost was \$90,000 per station. The final three locations are Iron Hill, Carlson Cove, and Roosevelt.

As a capital request the ejector stations will not be listed as they will become maintenance items. However, work will need to be done on the pump station; Wharf Street will need some work done next year. The pump station at Libbey Industrial Park is brand new.

Mr. O'Connor reviewed the water treatment plant project. He noted that the groundbreaking was in October. He stated that most of the foundation has been poured. The construction contract is approximately \$32 million; the project is on target for completion in September 2010.

Water main replacement is ongoing in conjunction with Mass Highway Department. These projects are typically funded with retained earnings.

There is wetland replication that will cost \$1 million. The property is located between the north and southbound lanes of Route 3. This is a Department of Environmental Protection requirement. There are two river crossings that DEP has considered bridges rather than culverts.

This increased the cost.

Proposed building & grounds, equipment

Mr. Fuqua stated the pedestrian signal at Broad and Washington is in planning stage and will be handed off to DPW when it is ready to be sent out for bid. The traffic engineer is looking at this project. It is not simply re-timing; a new box and conduits under roadway will be needed.

Mr. O'Connor stated that this year he was able to use Chapter 90 money to overlay the Pleasant Street end of Libbey Parkway. When money is available class A road and sidewalks will be installed.

The town's portion of dredging is complete, the rest is the responsibility of the Yacht Club.

There are small pockets of poor drainage in neighborhoods, about 30, related to undersized pipes installed in the 1920's.

Park improvements were completed with funds from the Host Community Agreement. \$700,000 was received the first year. Only the first of the three promised payments have been received.

Legion Field is a work in progress; the intention is to get the field so that it is presentable. It has been submitted as a project for the state's economic stimulus package. The plan would include the demolition of the stands, repair of the columns that border Middle Street, and spread loam and seed it.

There is a drainage problem in Lincoln Square behind Union Towers. The conceptual design is complete, construction bids are to be put out in March.

Wessagussett beach storage facility and wall are part of the Park and Rec. This would be for the building demolition and repair of the retaining wall. The wall is not failing but has sustained damage from high tide and wave action.

Resurfacing of town owned parking and driveways are not eligible for Chapter 90 money unless connected to commuter transit.

The weed harvester for Whitman's Pond is under review. Weed harvesting has been done in the past. There is on-going discussion regarding hydro raking vs. weed harvesting. Hydro raking pulls everything out from the roots, more effective but more expensive. Weed harvesting is similar to mowing a lawn. This was a Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funded project. However, if it is routinely requested then it becomes an issue of maintenance, which is not eligible for CPC funds.

There are numerous requests for sidewalk repairs. There was a committee previously in place to prioritize the work requested. Many sidewalks have not been touched in 30-40 years.

Seawall repairs are on-going at a cost of \$7.6 million. A design consultant has been hired to review the project. An application has been made to the Division of Waterways for grant funding.

The 1450 Commercial Street Bridge abuts the center pool of the Herring Run. There are currently truck traffic restrictions. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being a brand new bridge this bridge is rated a 4.

Essex Heights Drive wetland replication has funding and permits in place. There are currently land control issues.

Montcalm Street is an ongoing project. It is the last piece of five major sewer reconstruction projects over the past six years. This project will facilitate flow. It is located where the Town of Weymouth sewer enters MWRA and is out in the salt marsh. The design and inspection has been funded; however the construction has not yet been funded. There may be some MWRA funding through low interest loans (55% grant/45% loan).

The annual I&I program is to check for inflow and infiltration to identify the location of leaks.

The well head treatment on four wells is ongoing. Main Street has been done once but has to be done every couple of years.

Water main replacements to upgrade undersized water pipes cost \$1 million.

Radio frequency PRV valves and water tanks are connected to the treatment plant by phone line. This has been problematic so radio frequency is being reviewed.

The storage tank at Essex Street was last painted 16 years ago. The Reed Avenue storage tank has funding in place from last year.

Mr. Fuqua asked about the effect of commercial wireless antennas on the painting of storage tanks. Mr. O'Connor stated that the effect is that re-painting needs to be done more frequently. Although the money collected from the commercial business could pay for the additional painting, DEP does not make the process easy.

Vehicles

The following equipment needs were discussed:

- Two tradesmen vans are requested. Originally five were requested but three vans were purchased at a Mass Highway auction. These vehicles have 130,000 miles on them but at \$250 a piece it was worth the cost.
- Three F-150 pick up trucks with 130,000 miles at \$250 were purchased.
- Three one ton dump trucks are needed; the trucks at the auctions are not as reliable; need to buy new. One of the trucks caught fire during a snow storm. This vehicle replacement is the number one vehicle priority.

- Two tractors for Central Maintenance are used to cut grass, roto till infield and such tasks. This would replace 1970 and 1971 vehicles. This vehicle replacement is the number two priority.
- Catch basin cleaner is a 1986 truck with clamshell type cleaner. During a recent storm the transmission failed so the department is down a vehicle.
- Two (2) 35 GVW dump trucks would replace 1976 and 1978 Macks that can not be used any longer as the frames are broken. They are purchased with plows and sanders.
- Mr. Fuqua noted that many of the above vehicles are listed as part of the HCA. He asked if the HCA is still in place, Mr. O'Connor was not certain but thought that it was still in place.
- Street sweeper, vacuum sweeper and mechanical sweeper are needed.
- The flail mower is used for grass cutting; it is pushed by the sidewalk tractor
- There are 22 parks, 12 schools, and green space. DPW maintains the properties in the south part of town and the School Department maintains north part of town. Mr. O'Connor noted that the machines bought for the high school stay at the high school.
- A front end loader was purchased with Chapter 90 funds.
- One rubber tire backhoe is DPW priority number 3.
- The Town owns one wood chipper and it is aged; a significant wind storm would require leasing of vehicles. One chipper would cost of \$35,000.
- The sander spreader units would be placed on trucks already owned.
- The Town has two Bombardier sidewalk tractors, neither is working.
- Two pick up trucks with plows would replace existing equipment.
- The forklift would be for Central Stores and would be shared with schools.
- The Pick up for Water Sewer would replace an aging vehicle; would not be adding to the fleet but would replacements.
- The purchase of two Vactor trucks are for Highway which would bring the Town in compliance with federal storm water management regulations. The second one for Sewer is used for on going maintenance and daily jetting in different areas, especially along Washington Street where there is a line of restaurants.
- A 55,000 GVW with spread and plow may be purchased through the Enterprise Fund.

FORM A

Corner of West Street and Summer Street

Mr. Fuqua stated that this is a large parcel of land that is part of an estate. The building is being torn down and the property subdivided into two lots.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Williams to ENDORSE the Form A and was seconded by Mr. Chandler and PASSED on a 4-1 with Mrs. Akoury opposed.

West Street

This property is located near the Braintree line.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hurley to ENDORSE the Form A and seconded by Mr. Chandler and PASSED on a 4-1 vote with Mrs. Akoury opposed.

Aster Circle

This is a big lot due to a vernal pool located on the property. Access is from a small unnamed paper street/private way that is used as the driveway.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hurley to ENDORSE the Form A and was seconded by Mrs. Akoury and PASSED on a 3-2 vote with Mrs. Akoury and Mr. Chandler opposed.

Adjournment

At 8:45 pm, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Ms. Williams to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Chandler, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Walter Flynn, Chairperson

Date