

**WELLESLEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS RECORDS
JULY 26, 2011**

The Wellesley Board of Public Works held a duly posted open meeting in the Boardroom in the Utility Building, 2 Municipal Way, convening at 7:30 a.m.

PRESENT

Those present included Commissioners William E. Charlton and Paul L. Criswell; David A.T. Donohue telephoned to say he would not be able to attend the meeting that morning. Director Michael P. Pakstis; Assistant Director Judith A. Curby; Town Engineer Stephen S. Fader; Management Analyst David A. Cohen; Executive Secretary Debra Sumner; and David J. Hickey of Winthrop, MA, candidate selected to be appointed Town Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Criswell, and seconded by Mr. Charlton, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To approve the Open Session minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2011, as presented.

CITIZEN SPEAK

The Chairman presented those in attendance with the opportunity to speak. No one chose to speak.

WATER & SEWER

Statement of Fact: Contract #12S-470-1450 – Water Treatment Chemicals.
Following a brief discussion and upon motion duly made by Mr. Criswell and seconded by Mr. Charlton, it was unanimously,

VOTED: That Contract #12S-470-1450 for Water Treatment Chemicals: Item I (Sodium Hypochlorite) and Item 2 (Potassium Hydroxide) be awarded to Univar USA, Inc. of Providence, RI and Item III, (Potassium Permanganate) be awarded to Borden & Remington Corp. of Fall River, MA; and Item IV, (Sodium Fluoride) be awarded to American International Chemical, Inc. of Framingham, MA all in accordance with our specifications and their unit prices as follows:

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| Contract # | Chemical | Awarded Company | Unit Bid Price |
|---------------|------------------------|--|----------------|
| 12S-470-1450A | Sodium Hypochlorite | Univar USA, Inc. | \$1.2176/gal |
| 12S-470-1450B | Potassium Hydroxide | Univar USA, Inc. | \$3.9269/gal |
| 12S-470-1450C | Potassium Permanganate | Borden & Remington Corp. | \$4.1644/lb |
| 12S-470-1450D | Sodium Fluoride | American International Chemical, Inc. | \$ 0.92/lb |

House No. 1898. The Director referred to the bill, House No. 1898 sponsored by Representative Alice Peisch. This bill would remove a provision in the General Laws which unnecessarily restricts public agencies' ability to purchase used vehicles, thereby missing out on significant savings of public money. This issue affects not only Wellesley, but all public agencies in Massachusetts. Mr. Pakstis explained that he has been working with Representative Peisch on this bill as it would provide more options than now exist for the purchase of pre-owned vehicles.

Proposed Location for a Senior Center. The Director announced that a committee is starting to explore potential locations, in addition to the former VFW site and the adjacent property, for a Senior Center. Mr. Pakstis informed the Board that he had been approached by Executive Director Larsen inquiring if the Morses Pond parking area could be of potential use for this purpose. The Director then expressed his support of Water & Sewer Superintendent Duggan's recommendation that this request be denied as it is the responsibility of the Board and the Department to protect the Town's water supply and the area proposed is Water Works Land. Commissioners Charlton and Criswell concurred that location should be removed from the consideration list.

Department of Public Works FY12 Director's Goals. The Director referred to the FY 2012 goals for approval by the Board. This was followed by a discussion in which the Director responded to questions and specific comments from the Board related to those goals.

Mr. Criswell inquired about the status of the stormwater permit requirements. Mr. Fader replied that we should not expect to receive them this year. He explained that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responding to all comments, including the Town's before they issue the new permits. The Director added that eight years ago the EPA required each community need to obtain a permit to legally discharge into Charles River. They proposed changes to the permits for which the estimated cost of implementation would be approximately \$100,000.00 to \$1,000,000, per community. It was noted that the requirements are dramatic including testing and removal of certain sediments. Mr. Fader explained he has been involved and has testified that it is unreasonable but EPA is being pressured by the Charles River Watershed Association. This is due to the federal EPA regulations. The question remains how is it to be funded without money available at either the state or federal level; any grant money awarded would be insufficient.

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It is essentially an unfunded mandate which would require modifications to the Town's system, including the cleaning of catch basins and street basins more frequently, along with annual inspections. Street sweeping would also need to be done twice as often.

Commissioner Criswell then asked the Director if this should be on his goals for the year? The Director responded that while it needs to be in the forefront, there remains a question whether or not it is realistic. Therefore, he did not consider it necessary to list as an individual goal at this time. Mr. Charlton asked: Does this potentially tie into making it a funding source? This remains undetermined.

Mr. Charlton also indicated he would like to add as a goal the development of a succession plan for the marketing of Recycling & Disposal Facility (RDF) recyclable materials now handled by the RDF Superintendent.

In conclusion, it was agreed that it was a good set of goals for the Director, as presented.

Recommendation for Town Engineer. The Director explained that based upon a review of the applications, interviews with each of the six finalists, and the unanimous recommendation of the selection team, it was his recommendation that the Board of Public Works, in accordance with Town By-Law 29.6, vote the appointment of David J. Hickey, Jr. of 33 Edgehill Road, Winthrop, MA as Town Engineer at a salary of \$100,000 [subject to approval of proposed salary and benefits by the Human Resources Board].

Mr. Pakstis conveyed that of the six finalists, Mr. Hickey's qualifications were far superior to those offered by the other finalists. The Director expressed every confidence that Mr. Hickey will bring special skill sets and a balance of management of staff combined with his varied experience and ability to confront many challenges faced by a Town. The Director noted that the appointment would be contingent upon the Human Resources Board voting approval of Mr. Hickey's salary which exceeds the position mid-point.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Criswell and seconded by Mr. Charlton, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To accept the Director's recommendation and appoint David J. Hickey, Jr. of 33 Edgehill Road, Winthrop, MA as Town Engineer for the Town of Wellesley at a salary of \$100,000 [subject to approval of proposed salary and benefits by the Human Resources Board].

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Mr. Criswell noted he had been impressed with the way in which Mr. Hickey presented through his cover letter his qualifications for this position. Both Commissioners Charlton and Criswell welcomed Mr. Hickey and congratulated him on his newly appointed position as Town Engineer. Mr. Hickey expressed his appreciation to the Board and indicated he is looking forward to starting his new position in late August.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Criswell and seconded by Mr. Charlton, it was unanimously,

VOTED: To adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul L. Criswell
Secretary

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
WELLESLEY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
JULY 26, 2011
7:30 AM**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Board to review Open Session Minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2011. **BOARD VOTE AND SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

1. ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION FOR TOWN ENGINEER. Director to refer to recommendation for appointment of Town Engineer. **BOARD APPOINTMENT REQUIRED.**

DIRECTOR'S GOALS. Director to review proposed of FY12 Goals. **BOARD FEEDBACK REQUESTED.**

HOUSE NO. 1898. Director to refer to bill, House No. 1898 sponsored by Representative Alice Peisch. This bill would remove a provision in the General Laws which unnecessarily restricts public agencies' ability to purchase used vehicles, thereby missing out on significant savings of public money. This issue affects not only Wellesley, but all public agencies in Massachusetts. **NO BOARD ACTION REQUIRED.**

5. WATER & SEWER

STATEMENT OF FACT: CONTRACT #12S-470-1450 – WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS. Director to review bid recommendation provided by Water & Sewer Superintendent Joseph B. Duggan. **BOARD VOTE AND SECRETARY SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

PROPOSED LOCATION FOR SENIOR CENTER. Director to refer to e-mail from Water & Sewer Superintendent Joseph Duggan with recommendation to discourage considerations of development of the Morses Pond parking area, which is Water Works Land, as the site for a Senior Center. **BOARD FEEDBACK REQUESTED.**