

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1978

Present: Chairman John C. Powers, Ira M. Potell, William F. Toomey; Wayland Board of Selectmen: Marcia P. Crowley, Catherine W. Seiler, L. Thomas Linden, Herbert Odell; Wayland Executive Secretary Edward N. Perry; Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi; Town Engineer James V. Merloni; Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes; Operations Assistant William Place.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Chairman John C. Powers.

Town of Wayland Proposed Landfill Access Road

Chairman Powers stated that this joint meeting was called in response to the Wayland Selectmen's request for discussion and comment on the proposed access road to the new Wayland landfill site and subsequent on-site inspection made by himself and Selectman Crowley. The access road proposed is Minuteman Road, a portion of which lies in Sudbury, which is presently under negotiation for purchase by the Town of Wayland from the owner, Waters Manufacturing, and the purchase of same proposed as an article in the Wayland 78ATM warrant.

Chairman Powers stated that a report had been received dated February 22, 1978, from the Sudbury Police Chief, Nicholas Lombardi, relative to a meeting with Chief Blake of the Wayland Police Department and a review made by himself and Safety Officer Carroll on potential traffic problems and solutions for same. Chief Lombardi estimates that 1500 people use the Sudbury landfill on a Saturday; Chief Blake concurs with this approximation and noted that approximately 1300 people use the present Wayland landfill.

Various alternatives for landfill access were discussed by the two Boards and are summarized as follows:

Use of Minuteman Road as an entrance and exit: Chief Lombardi stated in his report that no problem has been anticipated with westerly traffic entering the site from Wayland. However, exit from Minuteman Road for returning Wayland residents necessitating crossing traffic and making a turn with limited sight distance onto a hill would pose a hazardous situation and would require a police officer to direct traffic. The policeman would be required on Saturday only and would be provided by Wayland. It was felt by the Sudbury Selectmen, however, that use of a policeman would tie up Rt. 20 traffic making the situation worse.

Selectman Potell pointed out that although additional numbers of cars were not being added to road use, the geographical change noted by Selectman Seiler would add more traffic to Sudbury.

Use of Minuteman Road as a one-way entrance with River Road designated as exit: It was agreed that there would be no problem in eliminating by earth removal the sharp 90° turn onto the road off Rt. 20. Room exists on Minuteman Road for a holding lane so that traffic flow on Rt. 20 would not be impeded. It was also felt that there would be no problem with the State on improvements to facilitate an easier turning radius; it was noted that Waters Manufacturing already has curb cuts.

Selectman Linden expressed, however, his concern for other users of the road, in particular, Waters Manufacturing, if the road was designated one-way for all users.

The Wayland Board expressed other concerns relating to use of River Road as an exit, namely: River Road residents' concern for increased use of the road (there are three houses on River Road); and the necessity for widening and paving the road.

It was noted that a dirt access road at the perimeter of the proposed Wayland landfill already exists in back of the Sudbury Training Field and might not require much further preparation for use.

Other Alternatives: Mentioned were opening the Wayland landfill on both Saturday and Sunday or operating on alternate weekend days.

Other concerns stated included the very great potential for serious traffic accidents if users of River Road and Old County Road attempt a left-hand turn onto Rt. 20 at the intersection at JT's; and the potential traffic problem and traffic flow management relative to possible future expansion of industry on the Waters site.

The Wayland Board of Selectmen stated relative to the status of the proposed site that the landfill plans had not as yet been submitted to the State for approval because of access problems. Purchase of the Lord property as an alternate access is still under consideration although the large amount of wetland area would be prohibitive in developing this approach. The Wayland Selectmen are attempting to research the financial impact of the various alternatives to report to Town Meeting.

Procedurally the proposed Wayland use of Minuteman Road would involve an agreement between the towns, included in which would be provision for Wayland's maintenance of the roadway. All agreed the Waters agreement would have to be finalized before the towns could proceed to work out their own agreement, if any. Liability for the road if made a public way would have to be researched by Town Counsel and stated in the agreement.

In summary of their respective positions regarding access, Mr. Toomey stated that he would rather see another alternative entirely; Mr. Powers would prefer a one-way entrance over the use of a policeman to direct traffic, and would strongly urge that River Road be used as a one-way exit; Mr. Potell stated that he would prefer any solution that would help the traffic problem on Rt. 20. Chairman Powers noted that the problem was entirely Wayland's, but that the Sudbury consensus seemed to be that the one-way solution was best for all concerned.

After further brief dialogue on other mutual areas of concern to the two towns, and there being no further business to come before the Board it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk