

WAKEFIELD MUNICIPAL GAS & LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF GAS & LIGHT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 1, 2018

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Comms. Jennifer Kallay, Chairman
John J. Warchol, Secretary
Wayne M. Tarr

Peter Dion, General Manager, WMGLD

Gene Sullivan, Asst. General Manager
Jim Brown, Gas Superintendent

PLACE: Town Administrator Conference Room, 1 Lafayette Street, Wakefield

Town Administrator, Steve Maio opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M. by saying that the purpose is to discuss street conditions and the effect WMGLD utility openings have on the streets. He thanked everyone for attending and indicated it was a positive sign that all departments are willing to work together for the improvement of the town.

Discussion:

DPW Director Rick Stinson, opened the discussion with a general discussion of the condition of Wakefield's streets and the effect that any opening has on the life of the streets. He referred to the Board of Public Works Advisory Board letter that was belatedly received by the WMGLD and the suggestions it contained. Director Stinson alleged that road life is decreased by 35% when streets are opened and then patched. Director Stinson also provided images of recent paving on several streets where paving did not meet standards.

General Manager Pete Dion said that the WMGLD planned construction program is designed to avoid that occurrence. Except for emergencies where the WMGLD is required by law to act, every effort is made to work on roads that are on the DPW schedule for re-pavement. There are examples of roads that have been on the re-paving list but are still untouched nine years after WMGLD work. General Manager Dion pointed out Elm Street as an example of this.

General Manager Dion requested that the WMGLD be informed immediately of any issues with road patches in town. We hold our contractor to a high standard and want to address any concerns immediately.

All parties agreed to meet formally twice a year to coordinate paving efforts, in February and November. All parties also agreed to document paving agreements in a memorandum of understanding, to be drafted by Joe Conway and reviewed and edited by the WMGLD and both Boards. The group agreed to meet again in December to review progress, finalize the memorandum of understanding and further discuss any outstanding issues.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:42 P.M. by Commr. W. Tarr. and seconded by Commr. J. Warchol

Vote: Unanimously in favor of adjournment.