

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, November 7, 2013
Veterans' Memorial Community Center, 2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Sasha Richter, Acting Chair, Kathleen Meads, Bill Worthington, Moe Van Dereck, and Shannon Corea.

Water & Sewer Board Members Absent: John Sinaiko, Mark Collins, Kevin Kuechler,

Other attendees: DPW Staff Cody Salisbury, Water Superintendent and Anna Michaud

Recorder: Susan Leonard

Call to Order: Mr. Richter, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 1 Application for Water Service in Truro

Ms. Meads: moved that the board postpone Agenda Item No.1 until Ms. Corea, who has not yet arrived, is present.

The board agreed to take up the first Agenda Item later in the meeting when there will be two Truro board members present.

Agenda Item No. 2 Commitment of Fall Water and Sewer Bills [Board as it applies to subject matter]

Ms. Meads: I move that we accept the commitment as prepared by staff.

Mr. Worthington: I will second that.

The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0 - 0

Agenda Item No. 3 41C Elderly Bill Exemptions [Full Board]

Ms. Michaud: These are typical elderly exemptions; nothing unusual.

Mr. Richter: Shall we go with the staff recommendations? Are there any questions on this matter?

Mr. Worthington: I will second the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0 - 0

Agenda Item No. 4 41A Water Bill Deferrals [Full Board]

Mr. Worthington: Can anyone explain the difference between Chapter 41A and 41C for me?

Ms. Michaud: Chapter C is determined by income and the elderly. The Board determined that anyone who qualified for 41C with the Assessor's Office would receive 50% off of their water bill. 41A is when the property owner works with the Assessor to defer the entire bill until the property is sold/ or at the death of the owner. This is for both water and sewer. For those who are both 41A and 41C, they first get the 41C abatement and then the balance is deferred.

Mr. Worthington: I move that we accept the recommendations of staff.

Ms. Meads: I will second it.

The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0 - 0

Ms. Michaud: Now we can drop down to Sewer Deferrals. There is only one.

Agenda Item No. 5 Abatement Requests [Board as it applies to subject matter]

There were no abatement requests presented for the Board to consider.

Ms. Michaud: Let's skip down to Agenda Item No. 9

Agenda Item No. 9 41A Elderly Sewer Deferrals [Provincetown Board]

Ms. Meads: I move that we accept Item No. 9, the 41A Elderly Sewer Deferrals.

Mr. Van Dereck: I second the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 4 – 0 – 0

Agenda Item No. 10 Sewer Flow Revisions 353 Commercial Street [Provincetown Board]

Ms. Michaud: I am presenting this since Sherry is not here today. You only need the three Provincetown Board members for this item. The Health Agent inspected 353 Commercial Street and determined that there were two bedrooms, not one bedroom. The original flow was 204 gallons and it will now be 314 gallons. It is where Kennedy Studios is. They are doing some renovations there. It is an increase of over \$3,700 for the revision.

Mr. Worthington: Is it retroactive to something?

Ms. Michaud: It looks to me that it is the date of day of the inspection by Brian Carlson, October 21, 2013. From that date moving forward.

Mr. Richter: No one found any issues with it?

Ms. Michaud: No. Brian was fine with it and Sherry was also fine with it. If you have any other questions or information that I can't give you we will have to defer it.

Ms. Meads: Will they get their betterment increased?

Ms. Michaud: Yes, it will be increased by \$3,700. It will be going up to a total of \$10,500.

Ms. Meads: I make a motion that we accept Agenda Item No. 10 Sewer Flow Revisions.

Mr. Van Dereck: I second the motion.

The motion was carried by a vote of 3 – 0 – 0

Ms. Corea arrived and the Board took up for consideration Agenda Item No. 1.

Agenda Item No. 1 Application for Water Service in Truro [Full Board]

Mr. Salisbury: We have a water service application for what has been assigned 231 Shore Road, formerly 237 Shore Road, the Top Mast property. It was formerly 3 subdivided parcels that will be made into one parcel. There is an existing water service to 237 Shore Road, which is a garage. They want water service to encompass the other two structures, which are two single-family rental cottages. The intent is to keep the existing water service and we will provide another water service that will be manifolded into a pit for the cottages.

Ms. Meads: It was approved by Truro, the Board of Selectmen signed off on it?

Mr. Salisbury: Yes.

Ms. Meads: Anything from the Knowles Crossing Pumping Station into Provincetown, as long as it is approved by Truro, we go ahead and approve anyway because there is no way they could possibly put a well on the property.

Ms. Meads: I make a motion to approve it.

Mr. Van Dereck: I second the motion.

The motion was carried by a vote of 5 – 0 – 0

Agenda Item No. 6 Water Projects Update and Discussion [Full Board]

A. North Union Field

Mr. Salisbury: Nothing has changed with the North Union Field status. It has been on line since May. Production from this site for October was about 8,000,000 gallons.

B. Knowles Crossing

Mr. Salisbury: The Knowles Crossing pumping station is the focus right now. It will be on line within the next month or so. Hopefully, by the first of the year, we will be producing from the new filtration facility. We are focused on start-up procedures at this time.

Ms. Meads: How are you doing with the big project in the West End? There seems to be so much going on. My understanding is that water services would be restored as they go along. Have you run into any problems with that? Did you find any leaks?

Mr. Salisbury: As part of that project all the water services were replaced. There was nothing that we were aware of. No big surprises.

Mr. Richter: What about the chlorination of the water; has there been a different way of doing it this summer? The water seems to smell stronger to me.

Mr. Salisbury: As you recall, it was 2010 that we started the four-log treatment which means we are meeting certain residuals before the first customer. There hasn't been any change in the chlorination. After the filter station goes on line I expect you will notice a difference in water quality from Iron and Manganese removal.

Mr. Worthington: I have a question about Knowles Crossing. I understood that one of the processes that you would be going through is to do a micro-examination of each component of the system to make sure that each component was working within specs for qualification of the installation. Has that been completed?

Mr. Salisbury: Yes. Siemens is doing a lot of the performance testing control work right now. The filtration system is working on control testing various processes. Over the next month that will be the focus. We are hoping to have performance testing done by December 5th. Staff will be trained during the startup process. DEP will be involved over the next couple of weeks as well. Upon DEP approval we will be able to produce water at the first of the year.

Agenda Item No. 7 Statements by the Board

Ms. Meads: I have a matter of Old Business that I would like to pass by our Truro Board members. Many years ago, when the women first began the winery, they had an agreement with the Provincetown Water Department. At the time, there were not any Truro Board members. The Agreement was that the Truro Board of Health would oversee the types of fertilizer that they were putting on the vineyard to make sure there wasn't any leaching across the road. Does the Truro Board of Health still keep that on record?

Ms. Corea: They are required to report to the Town, including the Fire Department, the chemicals that are used and stored on the premises. I can check their file at work.

Ms. Meads: What may be fine with the Fire Department might not be fine for our needs. They originally said it would be all organic. We should check to see if that is still the case and remind the new owners that this is part of the agreement.

Mr. Worthington: Thank you for bringing this up.

Agenda Item No. 8 Unanticipated Business That May Legally Come Before the Board

Ms. Michaud: Nothing has come to us.

Agenda Item No.11 Adjournment

Seeing that there were no further comments or questions and with the agreement of the Board Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk