



Town of Provincetown
Meeting of the
WATER & SEWER BOARD
Monday January 22, 2018
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA

Board Members Present: Kathleen Meads, Co-chair, Bob O'Malley, Gary Palmer and Kevin Kuechler and Peter Graham

Board Members Absent(Excused): Jean Horner; and Mark Collins,

Other attendees: Cody Salisbury, Water Superintendent, Jane Petterson, Sherry Prada, Operations director, Richard Waldo, DPW Director

Recorder: Jane Petterson

Call to Order: Ms. Meads acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Vote to appoint Jonathan Sinaiko to the Board

Vote was unanimous and Jonathan, after being sworn in by the Town Clerk, Darlene Van Alstyne, was seated with the Board.

Agenda item 2- Statements from the Public.

Mark Montgomery 156 Bradford St. about his abatement application. Stated he was shocked to receive such a high bill. Cody stated that we have no red flags on our spreadsheet. The board decided to deal with this in Abatements.

Agenda item 3- Water Abatements.

11 Pearl St. Application states he replaced a leak in water line that was delayed due to unavailability to contractors. Staff recommendation to deny, does not meet 500% rule.

Motion to accept by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, approved 6-0.

156 Bradford St. Underground leak, was immediately repaired staff recommendation is to abate leak of \$14,716.50.

Motion to accept by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Graham, approved 6-0

235 Commercial St. Leak was discovered in May but not repaired until Nov. Technicians were there multiple times and advised them to fix leak or maybe run a bypass line, which they never did. Two letters were sent to owner throughout the summer. Staff recommendation is to deny abatement.

Motion to accept by Ms. Meads seconded by Mr. Kuechler, approved 6-0

294A Commercial St. The usage went up in July and August, then went back to normal usage, seems like a fixture leak. Staff recommendation is to deny, if abated the amount would be \$333.00. Will have technician check meter.

Motion to accept as requested by Ms. Meads seconded by Mr. Kuechler, approved 6-0

340 B Commercial St. Underground leak, house sits way back off of Commercial St. IT took some time to get the line fixed but it has been repaired. They did receive a 41C exemption of \$2092.50 so adjusted amount should be \$1,809.33.

Motion to accept by Mr. Sinaiko, seconded by Mr. O'Malley, approved 6-0

234 Commercial St. Staff recommendation is to deny does not meet 500% rule, and leak has not been repaired. Owner states he was waiting for things to dry out, and then property was flooded at high tide. Now has to wait for things to dry out again. States he shut water off in Oct but did not come to fill out abatement application until 12/6/17.

Motion to accept the denial by Ms. Meads seconded by Mr. Palmer, approved 6-0

Item 4-Staff Updates:

December water withdrawal was down 16% over last December. Overall 2017 water withdrawals are down 10%. If not 10%, we will be very close. The storm on January 4th posed some problems with frozen pipes and meters but, we are now starting to get back to normal operations. Last fall we started the process of updating the water system atlas mapping and, we hope that will be complete in the next few weeks. We are in the process of updating the software. Kathleen Meads states that they think we need software that will work best for the Taxpayers. Mr. Waldo wants to welcome Jonathan Sinaiko back to the board. Kevin Kuechler wants to congratulate the water dept. on the 10%.

Agenda item 5 Sewer Abatements

234 Commercial St. Leak went to back building, did not go into sewer. Water went into the sand. Owner never notified water dept. Does not meet 500% rule nor has it been repaired. Mr. Sinaiko stated that, in the past, if it does not go into sewer we have abated it.

Motion to Abate by Mr. Sinaiko seconded by O'Malley, in opposition to the staff recommendation. Approved 3-0

46 Commercial St No reason for this abatement, staff recommendation to deny.

Motion to abate by Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, approved 3-0

8 Kiley Court There is no meter so therefore no usage, this is a clerical error. Staff recommendation is to abate.

Motion to abate by Mr. Sinaiko, seconded by Ms. Meads, approved 3-0

294 A Commercial St. High usage in July and August, possible fixture leak, staff recommendation is to deny.

Motion to abate by Ms. Meads, seconded by Mr. O'Malley, approved 3-0

Agenda item 6 Statements from the Board

Minutes from the previous meeting postponed to next meeting when we have a quorum for water.

Flow Revisions:

293 Commercial St Postponed, not enough for a quorum

53 Commercial St postponed, not enough for a quorum.

(Mr. O'Malley recused himself from these two flow revisions)

46 Bradford St. The Community Center, use changed to art studios, requesting an increase of 83 gallons. Approved by other boards. If use changes then the gallons go back to the town.

Motion to accept the declaration of covenants by Ms. Meads, seconded by Mr. O'Malley, and approved 3-0

359 Commercial St Unit H they are giving back 753 sewer gallons to the Town
Motion approved by Ms. Meads, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, approved 3-0

Any other Business:

No unanticipated business presented.

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 4:.45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Petterson

Approved by Jane Horner on February 15, 2018