

# Board of Health

April 4, 2005

12 noon

**Members Present:** Mark Baker, Dan Brown, and Duane Gregory

**Members Absent:** None

**Health Agent:** Jane Evans

**Member of the Public:** Barbara Rushmore

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.

## AGENDA

### **Public Hearing on Board of Health's Public Health Articles**

*In accordance with §2-2-2 of the Provincetown Charter, the Provincetown Board of Health held a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 12:00 noon in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA to determine the number of Board members in favor or opposed to the petitioned articles concerning public health for the April 4, 2005 Special & Annual Town Meetings.*

### **STM Article 13: Extension of SEMASS Solid Waste Disposal Agreement:**

The discussion was minimal since it was determined that this was a financial decision only made to lock in the rate. Therefore, no vote was taken.

### **STM Article 14: Wastewater Design/Implementation:**

The Board decided that the Woodard & Curran group had already developed an emergency plan that allowed the acceptance of septage. A cost analysis would be appreciated to see what equipment, staffing, etc. would be needed for the proposed study.

Barbara Rushmore (as part of the public hearing portion) said that she would like Phase II to take place soon. She heard that the money had already been allocated for this. She also was in favor of septic haulers going to Tri-Town so that the additional septage wouldn't foul our water table.

**Motion: The Board of Health unanimously voted in favor of STM Article 14. The vote was 3-0-0.**

### **STM Article 15: Wastewater System Monitoring/Enforcement.**

After a great deal of discussion, it was decided that Mark Baker would make a "friendly amendment" to the article which would read that the "\$20K proposed to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager" be instead used to continue the Health Agent as a full-time position. The rationale from the BoH was that this would give them continuity from the Health Agent position and provide a person already trained and aware of all the issues especially regarding the oversight of the municipal sewer system.

**Motion: The Board of Health decided unanimously (3-0-0) to support the amendment to STM Article 15 as discussed above.**

**Motion: The Board of Health decided unanimously (3-0-0) to oppose STM Article 15 if the amendment to it did not carry.**

### **ATM Article 8. FY 2006 Capital Improvements Program**

#### **9. DEP Water Management Permit/New Source Development:**

**Motion: Duane Gregory made a motion to support Article 8, Section 9. Mark Baker seconded the motion and it carried 2-0-1 abstention (DB)**

#### **10. Water: South Hollow Pump House:**

**Motion: Duane Gregory made a motion to support Article 8, Section 10. Mark Baker seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.**

#### **11. Water: South Hollow Well Development:**

**Motion: Duane Gregory made a motion to support Article 8, Section 11. Mark Baker seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.**

**ATM Article 24. Clarification on Ozone.**

This article was put in by Barbara Rushmore. She elaborated on it and felt basically that the Cape was being falsely accused of having high levels of ozone when in reality it was a mis-reading due to our quantity of salt air. Dan Brown felt it would be valuable if Ms. Rushmore were to inform other Cape towns of the findings should they become available. She agreed to do this.

**Motion: Dan Brown made a motion ATM Article 24. Mark Baker seconded the motion and it passed 3-0-0.**

**ATM Article 25. Amend Harbor Plan.**

Since none of the Board was fully informed, it was decided to reserve judgment until the Harbor Plan amendments were read.

**ATM Article 27. Establish Committee for Animal Welfare.**

Duane Gregory expressed concerns that a new board – with no real authority - would interfere with the BoH's official activities concerning animal issues.

**Motion: Duane Gregory made a motion not to support ATM Article 27. Dan Brown seconded the motion and it was passed 3-0-0.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CAUCUS HALL.**

**The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Gaudiano*

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_ **on** \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

Mark W. Baker, Chair