

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, March 12, 2009
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Mark Collins, Kathleen Meads, Sacha Richter, Moe Van Dereck

Other attendees: Water Superintendent Carl Hillstrom, DPW Staff Anna Michaud and Dana Faris; members of the public.

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Public Hearing to Amend Water Rates

Mr. Sinaiko read the notice and opened the hearing to comments from the public. Ms. Bonnie Glasgow asked whether the proposed basic service charge was in addition to the existing minimum charge. It was explained that the new basic service charge would replace the minimum charge. There were no letters either in favor or in opposition to the proposed changes. Mr. Sinaiko then closed the hearing to the public and asked for comments from the board. Following a brief discussion Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Ms. Meads to adopt the following water rate structure:

Basic Service Fee per Account:

Meter Size	Fee Per Billing Period
5/8"	\$ 66.00
3/4"	\$ 72.60
1"	\$ 92.40
1½"	\$ 118.80
2"	\$ 191.40
3"	\$ 726.00

Peak Period - April 15, 2009 through October 15, 2009:

0 to 15,000 gallons	\$5.00 for each 1,000 gallons
16,000 to 40,000 gallons	\$7.50 per additional 1,000 gallons
41,000 to 100,000 gallons	\$12.00 per additional 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons	\$16.00 per additional 1,000 gallons

Off-Peak Period - October 16, 2009 through April 14, 2010:

0 to 15,000 gallons	\$3.00 for each 1,000 gallons
16,000 to 40,000 gallons	\$5.00 per additional 1,000 gallons
41,000 to 100,000 gallons	\$7.00 per additional 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons	\$9.00 per additional 1,000 gallons

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Public Hearing to Change Miscellaneous Water-Related Fees

Mr. Sinaiko read the notice and opened the hearing to comments from the public. There were no comments from the public nor were there any letters either in favor or in opposition to the proposed changes. Mr. Sinaiko then closed the hearing to the public and asked for comments from the board. Following a brief discussion Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to adopt the following schedule of miscellaneous water fees:

Miscellaneous Fees	Current	Proposed
Turn on/off Mon-Thur 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	\$15.00	\$45.00
Turn on/off outside regular business hours	\$80.00	3 hr min hourly rate
Meter Testing	\$50.00, waived if meter overregisters	\$50.00, waived if meter overregisters
Flow Test - Hydrant or fire service	\$50.00	\$50.00
Mark Out \$25.00	\$25.00	No Charge
Leak Detection	\$25.00 per hour	No Charge

Tap Fees	Current	Proposed
1" Service Tap	\$1,100	\$1,800
2" Service Tap	\$1,100	\$1,800
3" or 4" Fire Sprinkler Tap	\$1,100	Private Contractor
5" Fire Sprinkler Service Tap	\$1,400	Private Contractor
6" Fire Sprinkler Service Tap	\$1,500	Private Contractor

Backflow & Cross Connection Survey	Current	Proposed
RPPA & DCVA 2" or under	\$35.00 Per Inspection	\$45.00 Per Inspection
RPPA & DCVA over 2"	\$50.00 Per Inspection	\$50.00 Per Inspection
More than one device at one location	\$25.00 per each add'l device	\$45.00 per each add'l device
Backflow & Cross Connection Survey	\$50.00	\$100.00

The motion carried by a vote of 4-1.

Public Hearing to Adopt Low-Income Elderly Water Exemption

Mr. Sinaiko read the notice and opened the hearing to comments from the public. There were no comments from the public nor were there any letters either in favor or in opposition to the proposed changes. Mr. Sinaiko then closed the hearing to the public and asked for comments from the board. Following a brief discussion Ms. Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to adopt an exemption equal to one-half of the charges for water service per billing cycle for those customers of the Provincetown Water Department who meet the requirements for a Clause 41C tax exemption, as administered by the Board of Assessors. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Flow Revision

Mr. Faris presented the following flow revision:

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig Flow	Rev Flow	Net Chg	Original Betterment	Revised Total Betterment	Net Betterment Increase (Decrease)	Reason for Change
11-3-111-0-002	306 Commercial St., #2	54	81	27	\$1,818.72	\$2,728.08	\$909.36	Revision to correct misclassification of unit from retail to office space.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck to approve the flow revision. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following abatement applications:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
8710	11 Off Conwell St.	Mary Silva	50,000	\$357.50	Usage includes water used by Town in conjunction with water main work. Recommend abatement of \$232.50 based on average of three prior peak periods.
9621	28 Standish St.	Ted Rodes	77,000	\$681.50	Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$328.50

Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to accept the staff recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Ms Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2009 meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Sinaiko then moved, seconded by Ms. Meads, to approval the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting as amended. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

