

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, January 25, 2007
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

Members present: Jonathan Sinaiko, Chair; Austin Knight; Sacha Richter, Moe Van Dereck (arrived at 3.08)

Members absent: None

Other attendees: Truro Selectman Gary Palmer, Al Silva, Jim Anderson; DPW Staff Carl Hillstrom, Anna Michaud, Dana Faris

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Application for Water Service

Staff presented an application for new water service at 217 Shore Rd., North Truro. Both the Truro Boards of Health and Selectmen had previously approved the application. Mr. Hillstrom asked how the applicant would provide access to the meter. Mr. Silva replied that the building would contain a mechanical room that would be accessible directly from the outside. Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to grant the application. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Van Dereck joined the board at this point.

Water Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following applications for abatement of water usage:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
6301	52 Winthrop St	Ruth Dutra	71,000	\$609.50	Leak found and repaired. Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial.
4612	153 Commercial St.	Donald Vaughan	130,000	\$1,437.50	Leak found and repaired. Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial.
11918	237 Bradford St., #1	Erevia & WSadlin	250,000	\$3,357.60	Leak found and repaired. Qualifies for 500% rule. Recommend abatement of \$2,882.50
5905	26 Winslow St.	David Perry	262,000	\$3,549.50	Leak found & repaired. Meets 500% rule. Recommend abatement of \$922.00
4212	4 Franklin St.	Michael Sullivan	228,000	\$3,005.50	Leak found & repaired. Meets 500% rule. Recommend abatement of \$918.00
9002912	648 Shore Rd.	Wm. Rosenberg	505,000	\$7,437.50	Defective reader. Actual usage is 405,000. Recommend abatement of \$1,600.00
436	26 Nickerson St., #3	John Dobija	40,000	\$187.50	Misread. Actual usage is 7,000. Recommend abatement of \$137.50.
9014014	674 Shore Rd.	Thomas Prelack	229,000	\$3,021.50	Misread/clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$1,097.00

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to accept the staff recommendations on the above applications. The motion carried of a vote of 4-0.

Sewer Abatements

Mr. Faris presented the following applications for abatement of sewer usage:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount	Staff Recommendation
3702	17 Conant St.	Anna Michaud	\$518.00	Not connected to sewer Abate in full.
1312	275 Commercial St.	George Kraniotakis	\$592.00	Not connected to sewer. Abate in full
11312	275 Commercial St.	Daniel Price	\$1,313.50	Not connected to sewer. Abate in full.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to accept the staff recommendation on the above applications. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Deferrals of Water and Sewer Use Charges

Mr. Faris presented the following applications for deferral of water use charges. All applicants qualify for and have executed a deferral and recovery agreement.

Acct#	Address	Service	Amount Deferred
2909	3 Webster Pl.	Water	\$50.00
2909	3 Webster Pl.	Sewer	\$148.00
106	5 Alden St.	Water	\$50.00
106	5 Alden St.	Sewer	\$240.50

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to grant the above deferrals. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Appointment of New Member

There being currently two vacancies on the Board (one regular member and an alternate member), Mr. Sinaiko nominated Kathleen Meads to fill the position of alternate member in accordance with Section 3-1-2 of the Town Charter. Mr. Van Dereck seconded the nomination. The roll call vote was 4 in favor and none opposed as follows: Mr. Sinaiko – aye, Mr. Knight – aye, Mr. Richter – aye, Mr. Van Dereck – aye.

Other Business

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to schedule a public hearing on March 1, 2007 for the purpose of amending the sewer rules and regulations to require all so-called red dot delay properties to connect to the sewer upon either (1) transfer of ownership or (2) change or expansion of use. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, that the board direct DPW to install appropriate double-sided signs in front of those properties that have received a sewer connection on account of their agreeing to provide public restrooms. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Faris advised that, as a result of discussions with a property owner and an inspection by the health agent, staff had identified approximately 3,000 gallons of surplus capacity on the East Main. Mr. Knight recommended that staff prepare a list of those properties on the East Main who have indicated a desire for a sewer connection or an expansion of existing flow and to get a recommendation from Metcalf & Eddy.

Staff reported that there had recently been another grease-related failure at a restaurant in the center of town. Given the impact of grease and its potential to compromise the integrity of the sewer system, Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, that the Board write a letter to the Selectmen recommending that the health agent be restored to full time so that the grease problem could be effectively monitored and managed. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2006 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk