

# Town of Provincetown

## Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, March 28, 2007  
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

**Members present:** Jonathan Sinaiko, Chair; Austin Knight; Kathleen Meads (alternate)

**Members absent:** Sacha Richter (excused); Moe Van Dereck (excused)

**Other attendees:** Health Agent Jane Evans, DPW Staff Dana Faris and Ron Gamella, members of the public.

### Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Review of Town Meeting Articles

**STM Article 2. Community Preservation Funds for Community Housing Phase II Sewer Costs.** Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to recommend STM Article 2. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**ATM Article 13. Grant of Easements in Town Lands on South Hollow Road in Truro.** Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to recommend ATM Article 13. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### Flow Revisions

Mr. Faris presented the following flow revision on account of Economic Development Permits that were recently granted by the Board of Selectmen:

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig Flow	Rev Flow	Net Chg	Original Betterment	Revised Total Betterment	Net Betterment Increase (Decrease)	Reason for Change
11-3-018	281-283 Commercial St.	1885	2960	1075	\$63,486.80	\$105,497.80	\$42,011.00	For EDPs granted by BOS on 3/12/07: Hair by the Sea – 200 gpd, Mojo’s – 875 gpd. .

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to approve the flow revision. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### Water Usage Deferrals

Mr. Faris presented the following application for deferral of water usage in accordance with MGL c. 40, §42J:

Parcel ID	Property Address	Property Owner	Period Covered	Amount Deferred
06-4-147	130 Commercial St.	Lynne Carter	Peak FY 2004	\$50.00
06-4-147	130 Commercial St.	Lynne Carter	Off-Peak FY 2004	\$50.00
06-4-147	130 Commercial St.	Lynne Carter	Peak FY 2005	\$50.00
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06-4-147	130 Commercial St.	Lynne Carter	Peak FY 2007	\$50.00

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to grant the deferrals. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

## **Water Abatements**

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

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
16017	36A Pearl St.	Channing Wilroy	161,000	\$1,933.50	Underground leak identified and repaired. Abate to \$750.
2116	3 Fishburn Ct.	Tom Thompson	71,000	\$609.50	Leak identified and repaired. Abate to \$500.
4713	8 Nelson Ave.	Carlos Verde	164,000	\$1,981.50	Leak identified and repaired. Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial.

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to accept the staff recommendations on the above applications. The motion carried of a vote of 3-0.

## **Sewer Abatements**

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

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
3108	3 Winslow St.	C. Tepper	23,000	\$425.50	Property was connected after beginning of billing cycle. Abate to \$319.12
4612	153 Commercial St.	D. Vaughan	130,000	\$2,405.00	Non-fixture leak identified and repaired. Abate to \$653.68.
4212	4 Franklin St.	J. Anderson	228,000	\$4,218.00	Non-fixture leak identified and repaired. Abate to \$1,017.50.
8105	344 Commercial St.	R. Hazel	103,000	\$1,905.50	Non-fixture leak identified and repaired. Abate to \$431.66.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to accept the staff recommendations on the above applications. The motion carried of a vote of 3-0.

## **Other Business**

Mr. Faris reported that another red dot property, 344 Commercial St., had connected earlier that afternoon.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Gamella presented an update on grease management. Ms. Evans reported that she had met with the Licensing Board on March 27 to advocate that the Licensing Board adopt a program to educate business owners on the deleterious effects of grease on the wastewater system. She proposed that, beginning in 2008, prior to a business owner receiving his/her annual license renewal, the owner present pumping records and proof of having attended a one-hour training session on grease management. According to Ms. Evans, the Licensing Board was very receptive to the proposal. Ms. Evans also reported that staff had recently met with the building commissioner in this regard and that, following that meeting, the building commissioner had sent a letter to all business owners with grease traps advising them of relevant sections in the State Building Code requiring business owners to maintain grease traps. Mr. Sinaiko then moved that the Water & Sewer Board send the Board of Selectmen photos of recent grease-related failures with the strong recommendation that there be enough personnel to enforce grease management because of its serious economic impact on the sewer system. Mr. Knight seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Meads then moved that the Water & Sewer Board advise the Licensing Board that the Water & Sewer Board supports the proposed regulation of grease management to keep the wastewater system in good health. Mr. Sinaiko seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2007 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Sacha Richter, Clerk