

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, March 15, 2006
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

Members present: Jonathan Sinaiko, Chair; Austin Knight; Anne Lord, Sacha Richter

Members absent: None.

Other attendees: Joan Drysdale, Raymond Duarte; DPW Staff Dana Faris and Ron Gamella

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and opened the meeting to public statements.

Public Statements

Joan Drysdale of 35 Court Street stated that she was speaking both on her own behalf and as a spokesperson for the Court Street neighborhood. She stated that she had been delegated by her neighbors to express strong neighborhood interest in an expansion of the sewer into her neighborhood because the filling of wetlands has made flooding worse in this very low area. Many properties have no place to locate a peach field. Ms. Drysdale stated that she can guarantee at least 20 property hook-ups in the immediate neighborhood. Mr. Knight acknowledged that the Water & Sewer Board is aware that Court Street is a prime area to sewer. Mr. Sinaiko recommended that the neighbors go to a Board of Selectmen meeting to reiterate their concerns. Mr. Knight volunteered to bring up the matter at the next Selectmen's facilitated wastewater meeting on March 22. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to encourage the Board of Selectmen to seriously consider Court Street as part of any sewer expansion. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Water Abatements

Raymond Duarte spoke on behalf of his application for an abatement of water charges at his property at 5 Harry Kemp Way. Because the Board felt that it needed more information, it did not take any action at this time.

Mr. Faris presented a number of applications for abatement of water charges. Mr. Knight then moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to grant the following applications.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount	Disposition
6215	Airport - Race Point Rd.	Butch Lisenby	\$6,077.50	Misread. Actual usage is 45,000. Grant.
8916	83 Commercial St.	West End Racing Club	\$57.50	Municipal agreement to allow fire hydrant on private property. Abate in full.
1170	291 Commercial St., #9	Steve Boggess	\$50.00	Not connected. Abate in full.
1171	291 Commercial St., #H	Steve Boggess	\$50.00	Not connected. Abate in full.
1172	291 Commercial St. basement	Steve Boggess	\$50.00	Not connected. Abate in full.

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. The Board then reviewed the following applications:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount	Disposition
4602	56 Atkins Mayo Rd	Stanley Zimiles	\$729.50	Undetected toilet leak. Deny
3313	Waterside Condo Trust, 21 Dewey Ave., Units 1-8	Biagio Isgro	\$6,461.50	Meter not defective; meter reading accurate. Construction work being done on property; water pipes exposed. Does not meet 500% rule. Deny
4416	4 Schueler Blvd.	John R. Madden	\$405.50	Accurate reading. No leak. Does not meet 500% rule. No basis for granting abatement. Deny.
4817	4 Baker Ave.	James & Louise Meads	381.54	Leaky bathroom sink. Does not qualify under 500% rule. Deny
3109	3 Duncan Lane	Tom McCarthy	\$1,741.50	Reading is accurate. No evidence of a leak. Minimal use in prior years probably due to stuck meter. No basis for granting abatement. Deny.
478	1 Oppen Lane	Allan Eyden	\$585.00	Reading is accurate. No evidence of a leak. Deny.
28115	12 Young's Court	Gloria Casar/Patrice Gordon	\$1,469.50	Reading accurate. Owners' plumber and Water Dept field staff unable to find any leak. Would not qualify for 500% rule. Deny.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to deny these applications. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Flow Revision

Mr. Faris presented the following flow revision.

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig Flow	Rev Flow	Net Chg	Final Betterment 1-15-04	Revised Total Betterment	Net Betterment Increase (Decrease)	Reason for Change
12-4-035-1-R03	432 Commercial St., #R3	110	220	110	\$3,704.80	\$7,409.60	\$3,704.80	Per inspection by Health Agent.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to approve the flow revisions. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Sewer Use Credit

Mr. Faris presented the following property whose owner had paid in full the outstanding betterment balance and who, in accordance with the September 19, 2005 vote of the Board of Selectmen, qualified for a sewer use credit equal to 5% of the betterment balance paid:

Assessors' Map	Property Addr	Amount of Credit
06-4-149	134 COMMERCIAL ST	\$188.64

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to grant the credit. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Unpaid Sewer Bills

Mr. Faris presented unpaid sewer bills from the May 2004 commitment. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to commit these bills to the Tax Collector to be placed on the spring 2006 tax bills as liens against the respective properties. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2006 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Sinaiko then moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2006 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Laundromat

Mr. Gamella presented revised sewer connection permits and memorandum of understanding relating to the proposed laundromat sewer extension. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to endorse the revised documents with the recommendation that the number of affordable bedrooms in the housing component be no less than four bedrooms and that the affordable housing component contain at least one two-bedroom unit. 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 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk