

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, April 26, 2006
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

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

Members absent: Sacha Richter

Other attendees: John Goodrich, Charles Silva, Helen Silva; DPW Staff David Guertin, Carl Hillstrom, Dana Faris, Ron Gamella, and Anna Michaud

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Lord moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 15 and March 30, 2006 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Water Abatements

Ms. Michaud reported on two applications for water abatements on which the Board had requested additional information.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount
6111	6 Winston Court, Bldg 3.	Fred E. Sateriale	\$4,205.50
2303	5 Harry Kemp Way	Raymond Duarte	\$813.50

In the first case, further research disclosed that the property contains an old style meter with horns that can allow an undetected leak to cycle. Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to advise the property owner that, upon evidence that the owner has upgraded the plumbing and installed a new radio-read meter, which meter will be provided by the Town at no charge, the Board would grant an abatement. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

In the case of 5 Harry Kemp Way, it was determined that there had been a clerical error in recording the meter reading and that the correct charge for water should have been \$285.50 and not \$813.50. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to grant an abatement of \$528.00. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Michaud then presented the following applications for abatement of water charges.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount	Staff Recommendation
5413	5 Atlantic Ave.	May Ruth O'Donnell	\$2,797.50	When water service was turned on for cottage located in rear of property, several underground leaks were discovered. Leaks have been repaired. Recommend abatement to \$1,636.95 in accordance with 500% rule.
1169	291 Commercial St., #10	Ronald Morse	\$56.18	Not connected. Recommend abatement in full.
300	MacMillan Pier	Cape Cod Fisheries	\$72.62	Not connected. Recommend abatement in full.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to accept staff's recommendations and grant abatements in all three cases. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Sewer Connection Surcharges

Mr. Faris presented a supplemental notice and order assessing sewer connection surcharges for the following red dot delay properties:

Property Address	Surcharge Amount
423 COMMERCIAL ST	\$17,976.80
522 COMMERCIAL ST.	\$22,666.40

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to issue an order assessing sewer use surcharges for these properties and to file a notice of lien. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Sewer Expansion and Optimization

In preparation for a facilitated wastewater meeting with the Board of Selectmen on May 1, Mr. Goodrich updated the Board on (1) the financial condition of the wastewater enterprise fund, (2) the laundromat extension, and (3) the Cape End Manor and MacMillan Pier connections. He also set for the aggressive timetable for being a Shank Painter Basin expansion to fall town meeting.

Laundromat

The Board, in consultation with staff and Mr. and Mrs. Silva, made a few minor language changes to the memorandum of understanding for the laundromat sewer extension. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded to Mr. Knight, to formally expand the area of service of the sewer system to the following properties: 56 Shank Painter Rd., 68 Shank Painter Rd., 14 Mercantile Way, 33 Ships Way Rd., 39 Ships Way Rd., and 41R Ships Way Rd. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Mr. Sinaiko then moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to execute the memorandum of understanding and related sewer connection permits for the properties identified in the new area of service. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Other Business – Miscellaneous Water Charges

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to place a notice in the Provincetown Banner listing the existing charges for miscellaneous water-related services and advising customers that such charges will in the future appear on the regular water bills beginning with the Fall 2006 bill. 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 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk