

# Town of Provincetown

## Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, March 30, 2005  
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

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

**Members absent:** None

### **Other attendees:**

DPW Director David Guertin; DPW Deputy Director Sandra Turner; DPW Staff Dana Faris and Ron Gamella

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2005. Ms. Lord suggested a minor amplification to clarify the ownership of the property at 5 Pearl St. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried 3-0.

### **Review of Articles for Town Meeting**

The Board reviewed the following water-related articles on the warrant for the upcoming Town meeting.

**STM 5 – Acquire Peters Subdivision in Truro for Wellhead Protection.** Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to recommend this article. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**ATM 8-9 – Capital Improvements: DEP Water Management Permit/New Source Development.** Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to recommend this article. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**ATM 8-10 – Capital Improvements: Water: South Hollow Pump House.** Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to recommend this article. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**ATM 8-11 – Water: South Hollow Well Development.** Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to recommend this article. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### **Additional Sewer Use Commitment**

Mr. Gamella presented the Board with a sewer use commitment in the amount of \$148 for a property that was omitted from the December commitment, owing to the fact that the property was connected to the sewer without advising the Sewer Department. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to issue the commitment. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### **Unpaid 2003 Water Bills**

Mr. Faris presented the Board with a list prepared by the Tax Collector of water bills remaining unpaid from 2003. Ms. Lord inquired about one elderly water subscriber on the list and asked if staff could contact the COA to determine whether the person was able to manage her own affairs and whether there was any statutory relief available. Staff agreed to undertake the requested effort. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to commit these unpaid water accounts to the Board of Assessors for inclusion on the spring tax bill, with the stipulation that staff follow through with the COA to determine if there were people on the list who qualified for statutory elderly low-income relief. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### **Other Continuing Business**

Mr. Guertin and Ms. Turner advised the Board on developments concerning the protracted negotiations relating to the long-delayed sewer connection of the 359 Commercial St. (Mews condominiums) and 361 and 361A-C Commercial St.

Mr. Guertin reported to the Board that the Board of Selectmen is interested in having the Water & Sewer Board issue another RFP for a laundromat. Ms. Lord moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to direct staff to develop another laundromat RFP for review by the Selectmen and the Water & Sewer Board. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

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**New Business**

Given that the summer season is fast approaching, Mr. Richter asked staff to disseminate information to owners of properties connected to the sewer on the proper care and maintenance of the sewer system.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 3-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sacha Richter, Clerk