

**Town of Provincetown**  
**Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2005**  
**Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown**

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

**Members absent:** None

**Other attendees:**

DPW Staff Dana Faris, Ron Gamella, and Ryk Tyszka

**Call to Order**

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**Minutes**

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 1. The motion carried 4-0.

**Flow Revisions**

Mr. Faris presented a flow revision for the following property based on a recent inspection by the Health Agent:

Map #	Property Addr	Original Flow	Revised Flow	Original Betterment	Revised Betterment	Net Change
11-4-001	16 MacMillan Wharf	440	710	\$14,819.2	\$23,912.80	\$9,093.60

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

**Water Abatements**

Mr. Tyszka presented application the following abatement of water usage:

Acct#	Property Address	Bill Amount	Reason	Disposition
17205	2A Duncan Lane	\$ 434.00	Misread	Abate \$105.00

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Ms. Lord, to grant an abatement. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. In addition, Mr. Knight moved, seconded, by Ms. Lord to deny the following application:

Acct#	Property Address	Bill Amount	Reason	Disposition
14217	308 Commercial St.	\$ 1,891.00	Fixture-related leak form fixture left on all winter.	Deny

The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

## **Sewer Abatements**

Mr. Gamella presented the following application for abatement of sewer use charges:

Acct#	Property Address	Usage	Bill Amount	Reason	Disposition
14217	308 Commercial St	244,000	\$4,514.00	Fixture-related leak fin apartment vacant and unattended during the winter.	Deny

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

## **Delinquent Sewer Connection Properties**

Mr. Faris presented the Board with a list of properties that not yet connected to the sewer. With respect to those properties on which fines had not yet been imposed, Ms. Lord moved that the Board send a letter ordering them to connect within 21 days or risk the imposition of fines of \$50/day. Mr. Sinaiko seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 4-0. With respect to those properties on which fines had already been imposed, Mr. Sinaiko moved to send a letter stating the amount of the fines, offering to abate the fines in full if the property owner connected to the sewer within 45 days of the date of the letter, and advising that no further delays would be tolerated. Mr. Richter seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 4-0.

## **Set Public Hearing to Increase Sewer Connection Rate**

Mr. Faris updated the Board on the current fiscal crisis within the Wastewater Enterprise Fund and the menu of options staff had identified to address the projected revenue shortfall, including a proposed increase in the sewer connection rate. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to hold a public hearing on July 13 on the proposed increase and to send a letter to all “red dot delay” properties alerting them of this and further potential increases. 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 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sacha Richter, Clerk