

**Minutes of the Provincetown Water And Sewer Board**  
**Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown**

**Date: Monday, March 27, 2000**

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In attendance:

Custodio J. Silva, Jr., Chairman

David Perry

James Buckingham

Michael Fernandes

Craig Wiegand, Water Superintendent

Gary Palmer, Truro Board of Health

Thadd and Julie Papetsas

Absent/Excused: Giovanni Cicero

This meeting was tape recorded.

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Custodio Silva.

**Public Statements:**

-Gary Palmer stated for the record, pertaining to questions about whether the town of Truro will have to abide by the same water regulations as the town of Provincetown, that Truro passed the same regulations and that the regulations are consistent between the two towns.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A **MOTION** was made by David Perry to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2000 meeting as presented. **SECONDED** by Jim Buckingham. **VOTE** was in favor of the motion 4-0.

**Water Service Application:**

5 Whale Watch Drive, Thadd and Julie Papetsas:

-David Perry made a **MOTION** to accept this application, adding that acceptance is because of prior discussion of this situation, and does not in any way reflect on Provincetown's commitment to any other application on Whale Watch Drive.

Jim Buckingham **SECONDED**. **VOTE** was in favor, 4-0.

**Discussion of Water Department Rules And Regulations:**

Craig Wiegand presented a draft of the new regulations, making these specific points:

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1 – (draft, p. 18) Non-water charges and overtime charges did not get submitted in this year's budget, so will not be in this year's regulations.

2 – (draft, p. 19) Fire protection was not included for the same reason.

-Gary Palmer reported that, (draft, p. 16) re: “expansion,” Truro requests that the Water and Sewer Board have the same jurisdiction over new and expanded service in Provincetown as it exercises

over new and expanded service in Truro.

-Apropos of this, Craig Wiegand suggested that we change the wording on page 2 (2.2),

from “Water Superintendent or his delegate” to “Water and Sewer Board or its delegate.” All Provincetown applications as well as Truro applications will come before the Board.

-David Perry and Jim Buckingham raised questions of fairness in well regulations and easements. Craig Wiegand will refer some of these questions to Town Counsel.

-Michael Fernandes raised a question about Craig’s memo re: Selectmen’s concern about a comment *allegedly* made by the Water and Sewer Board using the term “their fair share” (suggesting that the WSB intends to attempt to restrict water use on an individual basis). David Perry made a **MOTION** that we send a memo to the Board of Selectmen clarifying that no member of the WSB recalls using that phrase, and that our interest is about the amount of overall water use. Michael Fernandes **SECONDED** the motion. **VOTE** was in favor, 4-0.

### **Water Superintendent’s March Report:**

Craig Wiegand went over his report (see printed report). Pertinent actions included:

-Michael Fernandes made a **MOTION** to approve the Water Superintendent’s request to use \$900. for a school contest project. Jim Buckingham **SECONDED**. **VOTE** was in favor, 4-0.

-Jim Buckingham made a **MOTION** to support the Water Superintendent’s development of a Community Aquifer Protection Program for Provincetown and Truro. Michael Fernandes **SECONDED**. **VOTE** was in favor, 4-0.

-Michael Fernandes made a **MOTION** that we sign the contract presented by the Water Superintendent from Environmental Partners Group, Inc. for the South Hollow Wellfield Pump Upgrade Program. Jim Buckingham **SECONDED**. There was confusion in that David Guertin passed it to us to sign, but Kathy indicated that only Selectmen can sign contracts. Custodio Silva indicated that we should follow the DPW Director’s directive. Craig Wiegand will revise the contract to bear our names rather than the Board of Selectmen. **VOTE** was in favor, 4-0.

### **Future Meetings:**

-Next meeting April 17, 1 p.m. Agenda will include Public Statements and continued

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review of the draft of Water Department Regulations.

-We need a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to clarify their view of our roles and responsibilities.

-We need a re-organizational meeting, especially if Custodio Silva’s run for Selectman is successful. We also need a Clerk and Vice-Chair.

### **Adjournment:**

David Perry made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 2:52 p.m. Jim Buckingham **SECONDED**.

**VOTE** was in favor, 4-0.

Minutes submitted by Michael Fernandes, Acting Clerk.