

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Kathleen Meads, Sacha Richter and Moe Van Dereck. Mr. Van Dereck joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Water & Sewer Board Members Absent: Mark Collins (excused).

Other attendees: DPW Staff David Guertin, Carl Hillstrom, Sherry Prada, Health Agent Jane Evans; Town Counsel Jeffrey Blake, members of the public. Recorder: Anna Michaud.

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

68 Shank Painter Road – Provincetown Laundromat

Chuck Silva, Doug Jones, Charles T Silva, Neva Hanson, Attorney Chris Snow present for hearing.

Mr. Sinaiko opened the show cause hearing at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. Blake stated that the main issues are the absences of a handicapped accessible bathroom for patrons, and an attendant on duty at the Laundromat, in violation of the MOU and the permit.

Ms Evans stated that she had received many complaints, although not all had been recorded. Mr. Snow suggested that there may have been fewer complaints and noted that a number were anonymous.

Mr. Sinaiko opened the hearing to public comment.

Ms Hanson then stated that she had sent one letter and was not the source of any anonymous complaints as alleged by Attorney Snow.

There being no other comments, Mr. Sinaiko continued the hearing.

Mr. Van Dereck stated that he could substantiate the complaints, as he had personally experienced the problems at the Laundromat. Ms Evans recommended that both the bathroom availability and the attendant be in place within 14 days of the hearing.

Mr. Silva stated that at a meeting prior to the MOU he said that he would not do a bathroom, and that Mr. Guertin told him that it would not be a deal-breaker. Mr. Jones, a laundry consultant, confirmed Mr. Silva's recollection. Mr. Guertin said that his recollection was different from theirs, and the deal-breaker issue concerned requested connections for additional properties as this was clearly outside the scope of the RFP and would require BoS approval.

The members of the Board said that they would like to show some flexibility on the issue, perhaps removing the requirement for a bathroom for patrons. Mr. Sinaiko asked Mr. Silva to submit a specific plan for cleaning, maintenance of machines, and monitoring the Laundromat, as well as posting signs providing contact information. Mr. Snow said that he would submit the plan to Mr. Blake. Ms Meads said that the plan should be presented to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to continue the hearing to the Next Water & Sewer Board meeting on May 11, 2011. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to have the plan presented at the Board of Selectmen meeting on April 25, 2011. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Application for Water Service – 587 Shore Rd, North Truro

Ms. Michaud reported that the application had received the necessary approvals from the Truro Board of Health and Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hillstrom said that the plan meets with his approval. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to grant the application. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Abatements

Ms Michaud presented the following abatement applications:

	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0005516	43 Pleasant St #1	John Rampono	109,000	\$ 1,126.50	Deny. Field staff checked for leaks 2 times, once with property manager, and found no leaks. Usage spike in July & September probably from running toilet. Even if leak had been found, doesn't meet 500% rule.
0002818	284B Commercial St #1-5	Shellpath Condos	106,000	\$1,078.50	Deny. Meter is in basement. Field staff found small leak and provided toilet dyes. Meter passed bench test. Even if non-fixture leak had been found, doesn't meet 500% rule.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Other Business

- Richard Pozzo, representing Bill Bonn, owner of property at 333R Commercial St, acknowledged receipt of Water Superintendent Hillstrom’s March 23, 2011 memo stating that, after reviewing the plan, the requirement that separate services for all units be installed outside the building still stands. Mr. Pozzo requested authorization to put the meters inside the building. Mr. Guertin said that he didn’t believe that Mr. Hillstrom would object to this. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to approve the request. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- Mr. Guertin requested that the Board indicate support for Article 6 on the Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to support the Article. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.


Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to approve the minutes of the February 2 and 23, 2011 meetings. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sacha Richter, Clerk