



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, July 21, 2011

Grace Gouveia Bldg, 26 Alden St, Room 6, Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Kathleen Meads, and Marc Collins. Mr. Richter joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Water & Sewer Board Members Absent: Moe Van Dereck

Other attendees: DPW Staff David Guertin, Sherry Prada, members of the public. Recorder: Anna Michaud.

Call to Order

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

As a courtesy to members of the public, the Board took public statements first.

Other Business

- Ms Barbara Rushmore objected to the shift of betterment charges from her condo association to individual owners when the sewer became available to this ACO property. She requested an exception for their association to accommodate some owners in more need, allocating charges based on unit size rather than number of bedrooms. Mr. Guertin explained that the sewer system charges are based on Title 5 allocation, which is owner-based. ACO charges are property based. Any exception would be illegal. Ms Rushmore also objected to the basic service fee for customers with low usage, and would like some relief for the elderly. Mr. Sinaiko explained that the service fee addresses fixed costs for the department, and that there is a 50% reduction of charges for elderly who meet certain income requirements.
- Mr. James Meads objected to the tone of a letter regarding a filter system he has before his water meter. He said that it is not possible to steal water using the filter, and that the letter referenced a regulation that does not apply to his situation. If the filter must be removed, he wants the town to pay for it. Mr. Sinaiko agreed that the filter doesn't allow water theft. Ms Meads and Mr. Sinaiko agreed that the letter did not reference Mr. Meads' specific situation. Mr. Guertin said that the concern is not water theft, but the possibility of cross contamination, particularly in light of new DEP stringency regarding boil orders. Ms Meads stated that she felt the Board must support the Water Superintendent. The requirement for removal is consistent with regulations, and is the responsibility of the owner. Ms. Meads expressed great concern about the boilerplate letter that was sent out. She stressed that the revised letter, which uses a softer tone, must be used.

Schedule Public hearing to amend Water & Sewer regulations regarding abatements for leaks due to non-compliant piping

Ms Meads and Mr. Collins had questions about a time frame for repair, as well as the impact of the paving project. Ms Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to delay scheduling a hearing until language was crafted to clarify time frame and other concerns. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Water and Sewer abatements.

Ms Michaud presented the following abatement applications.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
9000383	122 Shore Rd #6	Dorothy Elms	66,000	\$ 574.50	Deny. High usage was in August only. No leak found. Would not meet 500% rule in any case.
0007618	41 Court St	Warren Silva	372,000	\$3,038.00	Abate \$2,521.33. Underground leak. Repaired.
0007701	39 Court St	Warren Silva	721,000	\$6,179.00	Abate \$6,009.00. Underground leak. Repaired.
0001118	52 Creek Rd	Douglas Pew	164,000	\$1,166.00	Abate \$959.33. Underground leak. Repaired.
0005509	12 Alden St	Catherine Brown	375,000	\$3065w/ \$5193.75 s	Abate water \$3,055.00, sewer \$5,118.75. Burst pipe.
0039753	18 Miller Hill Rd #3	Janice Lippman	330,000	\$2,660.00	Abate \$2,645.00. Defective meter.
0001110	22 Bangs St	Jay Carney	116,000	\$ 734.00	Abate \$695.00 Actual usage 13,000 GA. Defective meter head.
9001712	462 Shore Rd	Norman Cousins	938,000	\$8,132.00	Abate \$8,036.00. Curb stop may not have been turned off properly.
0001315	5 Conant St	John Yandrisovitz	9,000	\$ 27.00	Abate \$12.00. Actual usage is 5,000. Clerical error.
0006925	6A Nelson Ave Unit F	James Evangelus	13,000	\$ 39.00	Abate \$36.00. Actual usage is 1,000. Clerical error.
0019613	227 Rte 6	Michael Tasha	-		Abate \$72.60 basic service fee. Account inactivated at customer request. Clerical error.
0007505	8 Winthrop St	George Dunlap	28,000	\$110 w/ \$387.80 s	Deny. Form requested & submitted after deadline. Usage returned to normal after plumber fixed toilet flapper.

			<i>Water</i>		<i>Sewer</i>	
			<i>cubic</i>	<i>abate</i>	<i>cubic</i>	<i>abate</i>
0000121	89 Bayberry Ave	Margaret Kirby	\$1,639.00	\$487.50	\$ -	\$ -
0001114	200 Commercial St	Dmitri Kavoura	\$801.50	\$78.50	\$ -	\$ -
0002318	329 Commercial St	Arnold's Realty Trust	\$1,294.00	\$366.00	\$ 4,263.45	\$ 860.40
0007106	6 Conant St	Judith Romanowski	\$2,043.50	\$606.00	\$4,509.95	\$1,150.95
0000119	21 Bayberry Ave	James Foss	\$3,881.50	\$1,409.50	\$ -	\$ -
0000810	133 Bradford St	Alan Bradbury	\$4,796.50	\$1,520.50	\$9,066.75	\$2,016.30
0003718	26 Commercial St	Wayne Ayers	\$1,672.50	\$507.00	\$5,358.40	\$1,631.60
0011414	135 Commercial St, D	Brenda Forsythe	\$658.00	\$33.00	\$ -	\$ -
0003605	7 Masonic Pl	7 Masonic Place Realty	\$2,868.00	\$1,151.00	\$ 7,402.15	\$2,190.90
0001516	16 Prince St	Christopher Amplo	\$4,560.50	\$1,611.00	\$498.60	\$138.50
0008314	26 Race Rd	100 Charles St South	\$986.50	\$24.50	\$ -	\$ -
0007301	361 Commercial St	Tonga Trust	\$763.00	\$60.50	\$1,193.35	\$225.55
0000514	6 Central St	Dana Faris	\$2,250.00	\$721.50	\$6,555.70	\$1,806.65

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

Sewer Betterment Abatements

Ms Prada presented the following sewer betterment abatements.

- Julie Schecter – 207A Bradford Street \$14850.00
- White Family Nominee Tr – 65 Franklin St \$12375.00

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to abate the sewer betterments. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Flow Revisions

Ms Prada presented the following flow revisions:

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig. Flow	Rev. Flow	Net Chg	Orig. Betmt	Rev. Betmt	Net Betmt.	Reason Change
07-3-025	63 Shank Painter	314	786	472	\$14,079.76	\$35,244.24	\$21,164.48	Health Ag. Inspec.
07-3-025	63 Shank Painter	786	1550	764	\$35,244.24	\$69,624.24	\$34,380.00	EDP BOS 6/13/11
11-3-040	7 Masonic Place	440	770	330	\$14,819.20	\$29,669.20	\$14,850.00	EDP BOS 6/13/11
06-4-061	11 Tremont St	550	440	-110	\$12,375.00	\$9,900.00	(\$2,475.00)	Health Ag. Inspec.
06-4-058	17 Cottage St	550	440	-110	\$12,375.00	\$9,900.00	(\$2,475.00)	Health Ag. Inspec.
12-1-142-2-002	336-2 Comm #6	860	1280	420	\$38,700.00	\$57,600.00	\$18,900.00	EDP BOS 4/11/11
11-1-015	206-208 Comm	962	1418	456	\$36,998.08	\$57,518.08	\$20,520.00	EDP BOS 3/14/11
07-2-003-2-007	167 Comm #7	76	110	34	\$2,559.68	\$4,089.68	\$1,530.00	EDP BOS 11/22/10
05-1-006-0-003	8A Comm #3	330	220	-110	\$7,425.00	\$4,950.00	(\$2,475.00)	Health Ag. Inspec.
06-4-023	117 Commercial	110	220	110	\$3,704.80	\$7,409.60	\$3,704.80	ZBA Dec.1996

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to grant the flow revisions for 63 Shank Painter. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 7 Masonic Place. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 11 Tremont St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 17 Cottage St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 336-2 Commercial St #6. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Richter moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to grant the flow revision for 206-208 Commercial St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 167 Commercial St #7. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 8 A Commercial St #3. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the flow revision for 117 Commercial St.. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Recommitment of Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills

Ms Michaud presented lists of delinquent water and sewer bills as certified by the tax collector. Mr. Sinaiko moved that the delinquent accounts be recommitted to the respective Provincetown and Truro Boards of Assessors to be placed on the upcoming fall real estate tax bills. Ms Meads seconded the motion, and it 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 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk