



Town of Provincetown
Meeting of the
WATER & SEWER BOARD
Thursday June 24, 2021
Veterans Memorial Community Center
Remote meeting
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA

Attendees: Jonathan Sinaiko, Tracey Rose, Austin Knight, Frank Thompson, Bob O'Malley, Steve Fossella

Meeting began at 2:00pm.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Jonathan Sinaiko nominates Bob O'Malley as Vice Chair; Bob O'Malley nominates Jonathan Sinaiko as chair.

Bob O'Malley makes a motion to nominate Jonathan Sinaiko as Chair, seconded by Tracey Rose and approved 4-0-1

Jonathan Sinaiko made a motion to nominate Bob O'Malley as Vice Chair, seconded by Tracey Rose and approved 4-0-1.

Statements from the Public: None

Statements from the Board: Jonathan Sinaiko is asking about reclaimed hydroelectric and is wondering if we should look into this. Cody did say he could look more into this. Jonathan Sinaiko also stated he received a letter from the owner of 304 Commercial St. He states they are blaming the town for their toilet leak. He feels the technician did his due diligence. He is annoyed and insulted by this letter and the fact that they blamed the town for their excessive usage. He also feels bad that the owner did receive an \$11,000.00 water bill. He did not respond to this letter, as he does not feel it appropriate. Austin asked for an update to which Cody said he would address under staff updates. Sid Bolduc spoke up and stated that she is not blaming anyone. She states if she had been notified she would have repaired the leak but does feel the town is responsible for not notifying her personally. Bob O'Malley asked that we wait for staff updates to address this.

Staff Updates: Cody Salisbury began with 304 Commercial St., he did seek legal counsel concerning this situation and they explained to him that the responsibility is not on the town to notify the owner and that by granting this abatement it would set a great precedence. This was a phone call and there was no written opinion given, only verbal. If the board would like, he can get a written opinion from Council. They will just need paperwork and hope to get a written opinion from them soon, it may not be available for the July meeting. When we receive the written opinion, we will have an agenda item to address this issue. Cody also mentioned that we are still working on plant updates. the membranes have arrived and are scheduled for 7-19-21 installation. The Clover leaf project is complete as far as the waterline portion. Jane Petterson received an email from the Town Clerk in reference to either virtual or in person

meetings, and needs to know what the Board wishes to do going forward. Bob O'Malley would like to begin in person meetings and the entire Board echoed that sentiment. The Board unanimously decided to change to in person meetings.

Residential request to extend Waterline: Cody gave a quick overview of this request. Clinton Kershaw is requesting that the waterline be extended down Highland Avenue, sunset etc. Which would add 24 properties and approximately 54 additional bedrooms; He feels it would be advantageous to do this work. They are in the Zone 2 wellfield. Our entire neighborhood backs up to this wellfield and he feels this would be beneficial to all of these property owners. It would also be helpful to add a fire hydrant on the Road. If he can get your approval, he would take this request to the Select Boards of Truro and Provincetown. Jonathan Sinaiko is strongly In favor of it, but not sure, of the next steps to take, he would like to hear from Cody Salisbury on this matter. Cody stated we have had a few of these requests in recent years and his concern is the amount of requests. He would ask if all of these parcels would be willing to connect. He would also like to consider the impact on the system, it doesn't sound like a lot but with other requests all of these need to be looked into. Austin Knight is asking about the scope of the project and who would be responsible for installation. He feels it would be irresponsible to give a blanket yes without getting more information. The concern about three other projects in the area, as well as this project, would we be pumping too much? We need to find out the bigger picture. Clinton is asking about getting the blessing from the Board since the cloverleaf will not be up and running for a few years. He would like to start the process by getting the approval from this Board. The concern is the pumping limit on the wellfields. Tracey would like to make a motion to take this under advisement and give the property owners time to get their engineering plans and financing done and for Cody to look into the pumping limits for the wellfield. The project is part of a larger issue. There seems to be a lot of work that needs to get done before approval of this board.

Motion to take under advisement by Tracey Rose, seconded by Bob O'Malley and approved 6-0-0.

Cody stated this was not really on the agenda to receive motions or have votes taken, he feels there is still a lot to be done before a vote can be made.

Abatements:

14 Bradford St. - Clerical error, previous read was incorrect. Staff recommendation is to approve.

1 Windigo Lane-Clerical error, previous read was incorrect. Staff recommendation is to approve.

44A Winslow St- Broker did not do a transfer certificate so read was not brought over to new owner. Staff recommendation is to approve.

5 Winthrop St- This was an underground leak but does not meet the 500 % rule and therefore, staff recommendation is to deny.

21 A Hobson Ave #1- Clerical error, previous read was incorrect. Staff recommendation is to approve.

Motion to approve water abatements, as recommended by staff, by Austin Knight, seconded by Tracey Rose and approved 6-0-0.

Sewer Abatements:

14 Bradford St- Clerical error, staff recommendation is to approve.

5 Bradford St- Staff recommendation is to approve as water did run into the ground and not the sewer system.

Motion to approve the abatements as recommended by staff, by Austin Knight, seconded by Jonathan Sinaiko and approved 5-0-0.

Flow Revisions:

338 Commercial St. - EDP permit granted on May 10th to fast food from full service. With an increase of 360 gallons.

Motion to approve increase in gallons by Bob O'Malley, seconded by Jonathan Sinaiko and approved 5-0-0.

212-214 Commercial St. Was removed from the agenda, without prejudice, due to a clerical error.

Unanticipated Business: None

Motion to adjourn: @ 2:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jane Petterson

Approved by Robert O'Malley on 8/26, 2021