

# Town of Provincetown

## Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

**Members present:** Jonathan Sinaiko, Chair; Sacha Richter (joined the meeting at 3:35 p.m.), Moe Van Dereck, Kathleen Meads (alternate)

**Members absent:** None

**Other attendees:** DPW Staff David Guertin, Dana Faris, Anna Michaud and Ron Gamella; members of the press

### Call to Order

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

### Water Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following applications for abatement of water usage:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
9985	38 Bayberry Ave	John Todd	127,000	\$1,389.50	No leak detected. Reading is accurate. Does not qualify for 500% rule. Recommend denial.
1280	537 Commercial St.	Victoria Yenadios		\$50	Not in service until after billing period. Abate to \$0
54512	353A Commercial St.	Thomas Leonard	271,000	\$3,693.50	Toilet leak found. Rechecked several times; no other leaks detected. Account shares water service with coffee shop. Recommended separating service. Recommend denial.
2217	36 Shank Painter Rd.	Scott Santelman	227,000	\$2,989.00	Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial.
9115	74 Atkins Mayo Rd.	Trudy Wood	56,000	\$429.50	No leak detected; reading accurate. Recommend denial.
1905	21B Conwell St.	Pauline Richmond	112,000	703.00	Underground leak identified and repaired. Meets 500% rule. Recommend abatement to \$358.33
9114	1 Harry Kemp Way	Kathleen Krueger	87,000	\$504.00	Underground leak identified and repaired. Meets 500% rule. Recommend abatement to \$350.00
9008212	542 Shore Rd., N. Truro	Marie Belding	154,000	\$640.00	Earlier change-out reported in error, resulting in incorrect usage figure. Abate to \$50.
9009669	121 Shore Rd., N. Truro	Michael Coelho	130,000	\$865.00	Misread; actual usage is 60,000. Abate to \$315.00
2209	154 Commercial St.	Stephen Syta		\$50.00	Account inactivated; abate to \$0.
3202	522 Commercial St.	Joanne Gaffney-Livingstone	282,000	\$2,233.00	Underground leak identified and repaired. Meets 500% rule. Recommend abatement to \$300.00
5503	4 Pearl St.	Edward Chapin & Torrence Boone	33,000	\$140.00	Leak identified and repairs, but does not meet 500% rule. Deny.
6003	288A Bradford St.	Shaun Pfeiffer	71,000	\$392.00	Leak identified and repairs, but does not meet 500% rule. Deny.

Ms. Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### Sewer Abatements

Mr. Gamella presented the following applications for abatement of sewer usage charges:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
54542	353A Commercial St.	Thomas Leonard	271,000	\$5,013.50	Toilet leak found. Rechecked several times; no other leaks detected. Recommend denial.
784	165 Commercial St., #4	Taylor-Zemo Trust		\$150.00	Incorrectly billed at commercial rate; abate to \$75
9102	44 Commercial St.	Warren Lefkowitz		\$240.50	Not connected; abate to \$0.
5503	4 Pearl St.	Ted Chapin		\$610.50	Non-fixture leak; abate to \$75.
783	165 Commercial St., #3	Michael Taylor		\$150.00	Incorrectly billed at commercial rate; abate to \$110.00
7186	7 Carver St.	Damon Leard		\$555.00	Incorrect reading; abate to \$75.

Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### **Deferrals of Water and Sewer Use Charges**

Mr. Faris presented the following applications for deferral of water and/or sewer usage charges. All applicants qualify for and have executed a deferral and recovery agreement.

Acct#	Address	Service	Amount Deferred
2909	3 Webster Pl.	Water	\$50.00
2909	3 Webster Pl.	Sewer	\$75.00
2812	130 Commercial St.	Water	\$50.00

Ms. Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to grand the deferrals. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Meads, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2007 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Guertin explained that Truro had issued a letter to Provincetown asking the selectmen to honor language in the intermunicipal agreement (IMA) regarding the Pamet Lens Oversight Group (PLOG). [At this point Mr. Richter joined the meeting.] Ms. Meads moved as follows: In view of the fact that the Pamet Lens is Provincetown's sole source of potable water, it is critical that Provincetown continue a dialogue with Truro. Therefore, the Water and Sewer Board strongly urges the Board of Selectmen to reconvene the Pamet Lens Oversight Group as specified by the March 2004 IMA. Mr. Sinaiko seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Ms. Meads expressed concern about the possibility of salt water intrusion in Knowles Crossing caused by the National Park Service's project to increase salinity in East Harbor. Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded to Mr. Sinaiko, that the Board ask EPG to explain the science behind the project at a Fall 2007 meeting and that a member of the Truro Water Resources Committee be invited to the same meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Guertin reported to the Board on a number of matters as follows:

- (1) The long-term pump test at North Union Field will be starting during the week of June 25.
- (2) The booster pump station went online on June 20, and staff so advised Truro officials.
- (3) The Maguire/Thomas septic system is fully permitted.
- (4) Town Manager Sharon Lynn would be meeting with the Truro Town Administration Pam Nolan on June 22, at which meeting topics for discussion would include unpaid water bills for Truro customers and potential Mass. Highway discontinuance of a portion of the Route 6 layout adjacent to Truro Vineyards. Ms. Meads suggested that the Truro Board of Health be contacted to verify that it is monitoring the fertilizers and pesticides being used at this site in accordance with the deed restriction.
- (5) The water enterprise fund will likely show a deficit for FY 2007 and that, should that occur, there will probably be a joint meeting between the Water & Sewer Board and the Selectmen.
- (6) Mt. Gilboa had just gone back online following installation of diffusers to prevent stratification and the resultant bacterial hits during the warmer summer weather. This project was funded through \$150,000 in residual grant money.
- (7) On account of monies received for Phase 2 betterments, the wastewater enterprise fund will end the fiscal year in the black. When staff meet with the Selectmen in the upcoming months, discussions will focus on rate relief.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sacha Richter, Clerk