

## Provincetown Water and Sewer Board Meeting of September 20, 2001

The September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Provincetown Water and Sewer Board was called to order by Chairman Lucille Plante at 5:00 PM. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Lucille Plante, Board Members Anne Lord and Jonathan Sinaiko, The Chairman of The Truro Board of Health Gary Palmer, D.P.W. Director Dave Guerton, and Water Superintendent Craig Wiegand.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the August 16, 2001. In the continuation of paragraph four 4 on page two 2, and elsewhere the name Laura appeared, the name was changed to read Anne. In paragraph two 2 on page one 1, Chairman Lucille Plante deleted the words: (which switched in chairmanship and not discussed and therefore) and was amended to: (submitted to Town Clerk.) In paragraph three 3, immediately after the word of, should read number 6318 and the address was to be deleted and instead read, owner present. In paragraph four 4, the name was deleted and was referred to the case number 7105 along with the designation of property owner. A motion was then made by Anne Lord to accept the minutes as amended which was then seconded by Jonathan Sinaiko. The motion was approved with a unanimous three to zero vote.

The next item on the agenda was the Water Abatement appeals for Cases 6318 and 7105. In reference to Case number 6318, Chairman Lucille Plante told the other members of The Board that she had received new information just before the meeting. She then asked that discussion of Case Number 6318 be deferred until the next meeting so that the information just received could be looked into in order to enhance the discussion of the case so that the right decision could be made. A motion was then made by Jonathan Sinaiko to defer Case Number 6318 to the next meeting. The motion was then seconded by Anne Lord, after which it was approved unanimously three to zero. In reference to Case Number 7105, there was no need for discussion because it had been resolved. The next case discussed was that of 4212. The property owner explained the need for an abatement on the basis of the Hardship Clause. He explained that both of the owners understood that it was their responsibility to make sure that there were no leaks, but that they had no way of knowing about the leak which was found at a T section where the line from their property intersected with the town's (water or sewer line) at the bottom of their property and the road. The spokesman for the property owners suggested to The Board that they could perhaps average the bills from a three or four year period to come to some sort of agreement as to what they should have to pay. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jonathan Sinaiko to defer the decision of The Board so that the definition of The Hardship Clause could be worked out. The motion was then seconded by Anne Lord. The motion was then passed three to zero.

Chairman Lucille Plante then asked the other Board Members if the item concerning the emergency in Truro could be moved up on the agenda. There were no objections to the moving up of this question. Chairman of The Truro Board of Health, Gary Palmer then explained that a business owner had lost his/her ability to provide water. He was requesting that the Business owner be allowed to hook into The Provincetown Water System. After a brief explanation from Water Superintendent Craig Wiegand, a motion was made by Jonathan Sinaiko to accept the Emergency Application from Truro to be allowed to hook up to The Provincetown Water System. The motion was then seconded by Anne Lord. The motion was adopted unanimously three to zero.

The next item discussed was that of the update of The Water Superintendent. Mr. Wiegand told The Board that he gave his update to them on the Monday before the meeting.

The final item on the agenda was that of the Rules and Regulations of The Water and Sewer Board. D.P.W. Director Dave Guerton then explained the documentation he had given The Board. Among the topics he discussed were who could and could not hook up to the new sewer system, the capacity of what the new treatment plant was licensed for and the ability if need be to change it, and the powers of The board to either accept or deny any new subscribers.

The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Lucille Plante at 5:50 PM.