



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Provincetown Library, Local History Room, 356 Commercial St., Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Mark Collins, Kathleen Meads, Sacha Richter, Moe Van Dereck

Members Absent: None.

Other attendees: Astrid Berg, Attorney Jamie Veara, Matt Mulvey, Town Manager Sharon Lynn, DPW Staff Anna Michaud and Dana Faris.

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Request by 371-373 Commercial St. for Further Extension of Requirement to Connect to Sewer

Mr. Veara, representing Ms. Berg, asked the Board for a further extension of the requirement that this property connect to the sewer by April 30, 2010, citing (1) the increased cost, due to storm water run-off, of making mandated Chapter 91 improvements and (2) an inheritance tax obligation. Mr. Veara requested that the property owner be granted an extension until April 30, 2011, with a review to make certain that the applicant's site concerns had been addressed. Mr. Collins asked whether the "flooding problem" had existed when Ms. Berg initially appeared before the Board in January 2009 and was advised that this was indeed a pre-existing condition. Mr. Lynn acknowledged the problem with drainage and committed to resolving it. After much discussion, Mr. Richter moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to grant a further extension until October 30, 2010 with the understanding that the Board would not entertain any further requests for delay in connecting to the town sewer. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Collins casting the dissenting vote.

Application for Water Service at 332 Route 6, Truro.

Ms. Michaud presented the application, which had been approved by the Truro Board of Health and Truro Board of Selectmen. Although there is at present, owing to the expiration of the Inter-Municipal Agreement between Provincetown and Truro, a moratorium on new water hook-ups in Truro, Ms. Lynn stated that the Board of Selectmen was requesting that the Water & Sewer Board act favorably on this application as a show of good faith for advancing the negotiations between the two towns for securing a redundant water source at North Union Field. Ms. Michaud confirmed that the water superintendent had reviewed the application and had no objection to it. Ms. Meads expressed concern that the Board should consider a water hook-up for a property that is already served by a well. It was explained that the property owner wants to change the present commercial use to some kind of food service and that the property will not support the required separation from the septic system and the well. The Board expressed concern that the water system was being used to facilitate commercial expansion within the Town of Truro. After some discussion, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to grant the application. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. [Following this vote, Mr. Richter left the meeting.]

Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following abatement applications:

| Acct# | Property Address | Applicant | Usage | Bill Amount | Staff Recommendation |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|--|--|
| 349924 | 963 Commercial St., #28 | Linda Salmon | | \$87.50 – water | High estimate. Actual usage 4,000. Recommend abatement of \$37.50. |
| 349924 | 963 Commercial St., #28 | Linda Salmon | | \$610.50 – water | Data entry error. Recommend abatement of \$585.50. |
| 2306 | 136 Bradford St. | Joseph Duarte | 161,000 | \$1,958.50 – water | Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial. |
| 2610 | 4 Race Rd. | Karl Basile | 146,000 | \$1,718.50 | Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Meets 500% rule. Recommend abatement of \$881.00 |
| 1911 | 28 Commercial St. | Tim Grobleski | 66,000 | \$914.10 – sewer | Fixture-related leak. Requesting sewer abatement only. Recommend denial. |
| 1618 | 26 Conant St. | David Perry | 128,000 | \$1,430.50 – water | Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Recommend abatement of \$455.50. |
| 9968 | 72 Bayberry Ave. | Patrick Bellow | | Water | Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$72.60. |
| 5006 | 637 Commercial St. | Leonore Meyer | 100,000 | \$982.50 – water \$1,385.00 – sewer | Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Recommend water abatement of \$545.00, sewer abatement \$1,021.17. |
| 349997 | 361AB Commercial St. spigot | T. Gandolfo | | \$127.50 – water \$304.70 – sewer | Clerical error. Charged for usage of 22,000; actual was 0. Recommend water abatement of \$127.50 and sewer abatement of \$229.70. |
| 23101 | 11 Oppen Ln. | Jerome Crepeau | | | Clerical error. Abatement \$66.00. |
| 853 | 105 Bradford St. Est. | Halaki Realty Trust | | \$4,469.00 – water | Duplicate account with 847; customer was double billed for four years. Now inactivated. Recommend abatement of \$4,469.00. |
| 9986 | 22 Kimberly Ln | Sue Ogden | | | Customer questioned \$72.60 service chg. Staff confirmed that ¾" meter serves property. Proper service chg billed. Recommend denial. |
| 18310 | 15 Howland St. | Paul Tasha | 719,000 | \$10,866.50 – water | Non-fixture leak at a property with history of leaks. Recommend abatement of \$6,739 contingent upon Mr. Tasha's replacing all pipes and fittings connected to this meter with compliant materials by no later June 30, 2010. Failure to complete the specified work by June 30, 2010 will result in no abatement being granted. |
| 8310 | 15 Howland St. | Paul Tasha | 204,000 | \$2,646.50 – water | Non-fixture leak. Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial. |
| 9008215 | 706 Shore Rd. | Maria Kuliopulos | 380,000 | \$5,437.50 | Request is for Peak 2005 charges. Charge is accurate. User paid April 2005 bill in Nov and thought Fall 2005 bill was for one month's service. Filed abatement to stay water lien from being placed on tax bill. Recommend denial. |

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Van Dereck moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk