



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Room 6, Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street St., Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Mark Collins, and Kathleen Meads

Members Absent: Sacha Richter, Moe Van Dereck

Other attendees: DPW Staff David Guertin, Dana Faris, Anna Michaud, Bernard Matrango, Donald Morin; members of the public.

Call to Order

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

Flow Revisions

Mr. Faris presented the following flow revision:

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig Flow	Rev Flow	Net Chg	Original Betterment	Revised Total Betterment	Net Betterment Increase (Decrease)	Reason for Change
12-1-038-3-007	29 Alden St., #7	0	50	50	\$0	\$2,242.00	\$2,242.00	Per growth mgmt permit to create principal-use artist studio per ZBA.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to grant the flow revision. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Betterment Deferral

Mr. Faris presented the following betterment deferral and stated that the applicant had met the eligibility requirements of MGL, ch. 80, §13B.

Property Address	Betterment Amount
491 Commercial St., #7	\$2,504.40

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

Recommitment of Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills

Mr. Faris presented lists of delinquent water and sewer bills as certified by the tax collector, and assured the Board that he had reviewed the lists to ascertain that they did not contain any elderly low-income ratepayers. Therefore, 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. Mr. Collins seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 3-0.

Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following abatement application:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
18904	22 Browne St.	John Watson	1,201,000	\$10,499.00 water	Underground leak, which was repaired. Service line replaced. Recommend abatement of \$10,249.00

Mr. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to grant the abatement. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Ms. Michaud then presented the remaining abatement applications.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
16017	36A Pearl St.	Channing Wilroy	66,000	\$549.50	W&S Board conditionally granted abatement, contingent on applicant's replacing all pipes and fittings connected to this meter with compliant materials. Service was completely replaced and inspected by Water Dept technician and found to be in compliance. Recommend abatement of \$417.00
18310	15 Howland St.	Paul Tasha	719,000	\$10,886.50	W&S Board conditionally granted an abatement of \$6,739 contingent on applicant's replacing all pipes and fittings connected to this meter with compliance materials by no later than June 30, 2010. Applicant failed to complete work. Service was inspected by Water Dept. technician and found to be NOT in compliance. Recommend denial.
19720	28A Winthrop St.	John Nelson	21,000	\$120.00 water \$290.85 sewer	No leak detected. Sprinkler in use. Possible toilet leak. Applicant advised that sprinklers not to be used while water restrictions are in place. Recommend denial.
7201	57-57A Pleasant St.	Suzi Fultz	27,000	\$105.00	Property served by a single meter was subdivided and alienated without water service being divided. Anomaly discovered because 57A, which had gone into foreclosure, was mandated to connect to sewer. 57A Pleasant now has separate water meter. Applicant sought abatement for prior billing periods, which, because no abatement application filed, was outside Board's statutory authority. Because meter was stuck for three billing periods, staff recommends abatement of \$30, based on average of three prior off-peak periods for which we have data.
16307	184C Bradford St.	Water Kutrik	89,000	\$513.00	Fixture-related leak due to power outage. Repaired. Recommend denial.
9000156	317 Route 6	Truro Schools		\$1,850.00	Clerical error. Charged for usage of 240,000. Actual usage was 190,000. Recommend abatement of \$450.00
1371	11 George's Path	Kathie Meads			Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$66.00
23615	16 Howland St., #1	Michael Peregon	90,000	\$592.60	Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Service line replaced. Recommend abatement of \$309.27.
1144	96Commercial St., #3	Dominic Cioffoletti	745,000	\$6,395.00	Underground leak. Repaired. Recommend abatement of \$6,145.00.
5109	7 Duncan Ln	James Farley, Thomas Boland	80,000	\$450.00	Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Does not meet 500% rule. Recommend denial.
3202	522 Commercial St.	John Livingstone	100,000	\$595.00	Underground leak. Repaired. Service line replaced. Recommend abatement of \$131.67
9000559	11 Old Fire House Rd.	Astranada Gamsey		\$3006.94 water lien	Original abatement application denied because not filed in timely manner. Due to clerical error bill sent to wrong address, thereby preventing applicant from timely submission. Property located at end of service line; experienced significant brown/black water. Repeated visits by Water Dept. personnel unable to resolve. Truro Board of Health permitted applicant to install private well. Customer is disconnecting from water system. Recommend abatement of \$1,806.94.

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

Other Business

Mr. Guertin updated the Board on the ongoing water service inspection program, which is being funded by a \$250,000 line item in the USDA grant. The purpose of the initiative is to determine the extent of noncompliant service connections, identify instances of nonmetered water, and verify meter integrity. The Department will be asking the Board of Selectmen for policy votes on August 9 with respect to nonmetered water and meter integrity.

Approval of Minutes

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms. Meads, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk