

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

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

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Mark Collins, Kathleen Meads, and Moe Van Dereck. Sacha Richter joined the meeting from 3:30 to 4:00.

Other attendees: DPW Staff David Guertin, Sherry Prada, Anna Michaud; Health Agent Jane Evans; members of the public

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Request for waiver of Sewer Regulations, Section 7, Part C, - Grease Trap

Ms Evans presented a request by Colleen Sjogren for approval of an internal (Trapzilla super capacity grease trap), rather than an external, grease trap for a small ice cream shop at 385 Commercial Street. There is no location on the property to locate the required external grease trap. Ms Evans recommends approval provided the internal grease trap is installed and maintained, and with the understanding that no cooking facilities may be added and no other food preparation is provided.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to accept the Health Agent's recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Flow Revisions

Ms Prada presented the following flow revisions:

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig. Flow	Rev. Flow	Net Chg	Orig. Betterment	Rev. Betterment	Net Betterment.	Reason Change
11-3-049	244 Commercial St.	260	345	85	\$8,756.80	\$12,581.80	\$3,825.00	EDP gals add chair
12-1-142-1-001	336 Commercial St.	6,990	7,115	125	\$314,550.00	\$320,175.00	\$5,625.00	Growth Mgmt. Gals
06-3-030	39 Franklin St.	330	440	110	\$14,797.20	\$19,729.60	\$4,932.40	Rev. Bed Count
05-3-005	15 Commercial St.	2,770	3,470	700	\$93,293.60	\$124,793.60	\$31,500.00	EDP 20 Add Seats

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to grant the flow revision for 244 Commercial St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to grant the flow revision for 336 Commercial St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to grant the flow revision for 39 Franklin St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to grant the flow revision for 15 Commercial St. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Water Exemptions

Pursuant to the elderly low-income water exemption adopted by the Board on March 12, 2009, Ms Michaud presented the following ratepayers who meet the qualifications of the Clause 41C tax exemption as administered by the Board of Assessors:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Amt Exempted
106	5 Alden St.	Bertha Adams	\$63.80
1208	152 Commercial St.	Marlene Sawyer	\$96.30
1703	27 Mechanic St	Wayne Costa et ux	\$89.25
1401	414 Commercial St	Edith Codinha	\$126.75
1612	29 Standish St.	Helen C. Costa	115.5
1614	15 Alden St.	Jose Santos Ferreira	\$78.00
1615	18 Prince St.	Cynthia Costa	\$100.05
3009	35 Standish St.	Irene Joseph	\$63.00
3707	5 Bradford St.	Mary Jason	\$48.00
3804	119 Bradford St	119 Bradford St. RT	\$48.00
3808	16 West Vine St.	Estate of Lena Joseph	\$53.00
4909	27 Capt Bertie's Way	Wesley Medeiros et al	\$55.00
5107	6 Mozart Ave.	Donald Morris	145.59
5413	5 Atlantic Ave.	Mary Ruth O'Donnell	\$231.45
5505	16 Montello St.	Oliver Nominee Trust	\$104.25
5613	3 Howland St.	Erna Partoll	\$60.50
5717	21 Nelson Ave.	Richard Pereira	\$236.25
6006	3 Holway Ave.	Patricia P. Ferreira	\$169.95
6513	340B Commercial St.	Mary I. Evans	\$103.80
7015	94 Commercial St.	Francis Santos	\$119.25
7116	871 Commercial St.	Pauline Saunders	\$53.00
7211	31 Conwell St.	Adrienne Schnell Life Est.	\$48.00
7517	24 Standish St.	Robert Silva Life Est.	\$40.50
7714	84 Commercial St.	Israel Sklar	\$164.25
7807	219 Bradford St.	Mary Smith	\$45.50
8001	15 Bradford St.	John Souza	\$55.50
8709	9 Fritz's Way	Richard Ramos et al	\$43.00
9706	42A Nelson Ave., #2	Martha Henrique	\$152.55

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

Water/Sewer Deferrals

Ms Michaud presented the following applications for deferral of water/sewer user charges and stated that the applicants met all the requirements for deferral under either ch. 40, §42J, or ch. 83, §16G, of the General Laws.

Acct#	Address	Service	Amount Deferred
3808	16 West Vine St.	Water	\$53.00
2812	130 Commercial St.	Water	\$66.00
2812	130 Commercial St.	Sewer	\$75.00
2909	3 Webster Pl.	Water	\$76.00
2909	3 Webster Pl.	Sewer	\$75.00
106	5 Alden St.	Water	\$63.80
106	5 Alden St.	Sewer	\$152.35

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to grant the deferrals. The motion carried 4-0.

Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following abatement applications:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0007508	7 Standish Ave	Patfi Brainard	165,000	\$ 2,022.50	Underground leak. Repaired. Recommend abatement of \$607.50
0002610	4 Race Rd	Vernon Brown	w155,000/ s153,000	w\$1862.50/ s\$1834.50	Underground leak. Repaired. Recommend water abatement of \$1,325.00 and sewer abatement of \$1,372.00.
0034418	590 Commercial St Unit D	Duane Bonlie	206,000	w\$2678.50/ s\$2853.10	Non-fixture leak. Repaired. Recommend water abatement of \$2,416.00 and sewer abatement of \$2,631.10
0006615	180 Bradford St A & C	James Bakker Jr	-	\$ 50.00	High estimate. Usage was 0. Recommend abatement of \$50.00
0009901	MacMillan Wharf		-		Housekeeping abatement to back out private accounts. Recommend abatement of \$2,448.00
0001615	18 Prince St	Cynthia Costa	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$19.80
0001410	12 Pearl St	Sherry Brec	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$19.80
0009512	8 Willow Dr	Hillary Bamford	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
0014418	590 Commercial St Unit B	Kenneth Kowalski	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9059917	674 Shore Rd #5A&B, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9029917	674 Shore Rd #2A&B, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9159916	674 Shore Rd #C15, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9129916	674 Shore Rd #C12, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9099916	674 Shore Rd #C9, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9079916	674 Shore Rd #C9, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9059916	674 Shore Rd #C5, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9039916	674 Shore Rd #C3, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60
9009916	674 Shore Rd office, N Truro	Kalmar Village	-		Clerical error. Recommend abatement of \$6.60

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

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
9003006	617 Shore Rd	Dorothy Nearen	13,000	\$ 65.00	Basement leak. Recommend denial.
0000228	12 Winston Ave	Michael Powell	125,000	\$ 1,455.10	Basement leak. Recommend denial.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to abate 617 Shore Rd \$65.00 and 12 Winston Ave \$1075.93, consistent with undetected non-fixture leak guidelines. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Staff Recommendation
0009847	207 Route 6	Shank Painter Associates	63,000	\$ 538.50	Underground leak. Does not meet 500% formula. Recommend denial.

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

Acct	Address	Name	Recommendation
0006710	14 Court St	Gary Palochko	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$2197.28 & sewer abatement of \$5,567.00

0000484	81 Shank Painter Rd #4	Budgie Nominee Trust	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$1799.50.
0006611	3 Willow Dr	Rupert Bankert	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$599.50
0000803	405 Commercial St #1-8	Grass Point Beach Condos	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$4431.00 & sewer abatement of \$4825.98
0003906	584 Commercial St	Michael Meyer	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$768.00 & sewer abatement of \$2166.33
0003506	636 Commercial St	Charles Merrill	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$177.50 & sewer abatement of \$504.29
0003003	3 Central St	Edward Terrill	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$369.50 & sewer abatement of \$1377.80
0000804	353 C Commercial St	Robert Bruce	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$181.50 & sewer abatement of \$656.77
0007111	151 Commercial St	Valsin Marmillion	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$861.00 & sewer abatement of \$1753.75
0001518	31 Watson's Court	Joan Cordeiro Trust	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$310.50 & sewer abatement of \$21.95
0001301	5 Winthrop St	5 Winthrop St Condo Assn	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$1620.00 & sewer abatement of \$2247.38
0000811	129 Bradford St #1	Scott Pery	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$160.00 & sewer abatement of \$387.13
0004101	23 Watson's Court	Melville Cote	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$1640.50
0009651	295 Bradford St	Jonathan Sinaiko	Cubic foot meter. Recommend water abatement of \$480.50

Mr. Sinaiko recused himself, as he is among the owners who had a cubic foot meter. Ms Meads moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck, to accept the staff recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Other Business

- Ms Meads expressed concern about the tone of the initial letter for water service non-compliance. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck that Ms Meads be sent as a Water & Sewer Board representative to the Board of Selectmen to suggest that the tone of the letter be less threatening, and to provide a reworked letter for their consideration. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- Ms Evans requested that the Board schedule a show-cause hearing for the Laundromat for February 23, 2011. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Van Dereck to issue the show cause hearing notice. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

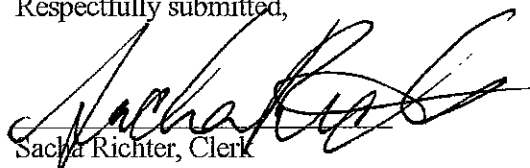
Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Ms Meads, to approve the minutes of the September 1 meeting with the addition of the following sentence: "The Water & Sewer Board voted to request less stringent letter for a first notice of non-compliance." The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sacha Richter, Clerk