



Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, March 22, 2012
Grace Gouveia Bldg., 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

Water & Sewer Board Members Present: Jonathan Sinaiko (chair), Kathleen Meads, Kevin Kuechler, Bill Worthington, Shannon Corea, and Sacha Richter [arrived 3:15].

Water & Sewer Board Members Absent: Moe Van Dereck and Mark Collins.

Other attendees: DPW Staff David Guertin, Sherry Prada, and members of the public.
Recorder: Donald Morin

Call to Order: Mr. Sinaiko, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

- **Agenda Item No. 1 - Request to Change Appointment from Alternate to Full Member – K. Meads:** Adopted
- **Agenda Item No. 9** (voted to be taken out of sequence) – **Request for Waiver of Sewer Regulations, Section 7, Part C – Grease Trap, 293 Commercial St.:** Owner, Morgan Clark in attendance (two food service operations). Brian Carlson, Health Department, brought forth the following Board of Health Regulation requirements: 16% capacity; not pumped for 306 days; not yet reached 25% capacity; and owner pumpage twice per year.

David Guertin in response: Mr. Guertin added that this is a licensed food establishment, and that the 1ST step might be to start with Licensing Agent Darlene Van Alstyne. In addition, a grease trap may not be required. David recommended to the Board, to not to take up this matter. He was of the opinion, that this request should be addressed more appropriately by the Board of Health.

Water/Sewer Board members adopted staff recommendation.

- **Agenda Item No. 2 – 522 Shore Rd., North Truro, MA:**

Carl Hillstrom offered to the Board that this project consists of conversion to condominiums and that applications are signed and plans provided. Mr. Hillstrom has signed off and approved. David Guertin conveyed further that approval is needed of the Board of Health, and from the Truro Board of Selectmen per the IMA. Once received, the matter then goes before the W&S Bd.

➤ **Agenda Item No. 3 – Water Abatement Requests:**

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Avg Usage	500% Rule Usage	Avg Bill Amt	500% Rule Amount	Staff Recommendation
Off-Peak Bill – Spring 2011									
0001112	11 Brewster St	Barry Peskin	125,000	\$1,382.50	5,167	25,833	\$38.33	\$191.75	Abate \$1190.83. Leak under floor. Repaired.
0001608	26 Conant St	David Perry	184,000	\$2,326.50	26,917	134,584	\$162.50	\$812.50	Abate \$1514.83. Underground leak. Service replaced.
0015008	61 B Commercial St	Elise Cozzi							Abate service fee \$66.00. Planned tap was not done. Account inactivated.
0050209	4 Winthrop St	Greg Russo							Abate service fee \$66.00. Planned tap was not done. Account inactivated.
0007602	9 Oak Dr	John Silva		\$262.50	14,500	72,500	\$88.33		Abate \$212.50. Clerical error. Charged for usage of 40,000. Actual usage was 10,000.
0012207	536 B Commercial St	Paul Green	130,000	\$1,462.50	14,500	72,500	\$83.33	\$416.67	Abate \$1045.83. Leak under floor. Repaired.
0018517	37 Tin Pan Alley	National Seashore		\$35.00					Abate \$35.00. Estimated reading. Actual usage is 0. Property has been removed from housing stock.
0050202	Pier Float	Silva		\$91.00					Abate \$91.00. Clerical error. Estimated reading. Inactive account.
0002507	28 Montello St	Julie Piacentini	143,000	\$1,670.50					Deny. Leak due to timer on soaker hose stuck in "on" position. <i>Soaker hoses not allowed under Water regulations.</i>
0000658	10 Telegraph Hill	Lynne Gentemann	134,000	\$1,526.50	39,833	199,167	\$269.00	\$1,345.00	HOLD until next meeting. Meter passed bench test. No signs of leak. But usage back to normal when meter changed out.

Water/Sewer Board members adopted staff recommendation.

➤ **Agenda Item No. 4 – Other Water Business:**

Water Rates: Barbara Rushmore addressed the Board. Ms. Rushmore proposed the abolishment of Basic Meter Charges. The charges in question, are a component of our billing protocol, and does not include customer usage. Said bills are generated twice yearly. Barbara asked the Board to consider even if customers conserved water responsibly, they would still be paying more for the meter itself, than their actual usage. Barbara felt this was relevant, especially in the realm of low income customers.

Mr. Sinaiko, acting as chair, made a motion to ask staff for their recommendation, and to inform Barbara of any negative ramifications. It was further added that the DPW recommends to the Board of Selectmen rates. The motion was carried unanimously

➤ **Agenda Item No. 5 – Approval of Minutes:**

The motion was carried. Town of Truro members departed at 03:45 p.m.

➤ **Agenda Item No. 6 – Sewer Abatement Requests:**

To summarize: Two (2) leaks have been identified and repaired, as well as clerical errors.

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Usage	Bill Amount	Avg Usage	Avg Bill Amt	Staff Recommendation
Off-Peak Bill – Spring 2011							
0007315	255-57 Commercial St.	Eric Shalom	339,000	\$4,695.15	123,583	\$1,708.17	Abate \$3,407.10. Pipe leak in basement. Repaired.
0015008	61 B Commercial St.	Elise Cozzi	-	\$75.00			Abate minimum charge of \$75.00. Planned tap was not done. Account inactivated.

Water/Sewer Board members adopted staff recommendation.

➤ **Agenda Item No. 7 – Sewer Flow Revision (64 Franklin St.):**

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig. Flow	Rev. Flow	Net Chg	Orig. Betmt	Rev. Betmt	Net Betmt.	Reason Change
06-3-023	64 Franklin St	1430	1650	220	\$64,350.00	\$74,250.00	\$9,900.00	BOH Insp 10/20/11

Sherry Prada – presented to the Board findings in conjunction with Jane Evans (formerly of the Heath Department) as follows: Bedroom count 13 – 15, with flow adjustments of 220 gallons.

Water/Sewer Board members adopted staff recommendation.

➤ **Agenda Item No. 8 – Sewer Betterment Abatement (199 Bradford St.):**

Staff recommended that we do not vote upon this issue, until we achieve a clear understanding of our legal standing.

Water/Sewer Board members adopted staff recommendation.

➤ **Agenda Item No. 10 – Other Sewer Business:**

➤ **None**

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved (and it was seconded) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was officially adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk