

## Board of Health

March 9, 2000

6:30 p.m., Judge Welsh Room; Adjourned 9:35 p.m.

**Present:** M. Couture, Chair; K. Halle, L. Davis, G. Delius, J. Silver, Health Inspector  
D. Guertin, DPW Director, S. Turner, DPW Operations Director, G. Menangas, Transfer Station Supervisor

**Absent:** S. Klein (unexcused)

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### Part VI: Sanitation Collection and Septage Haulers

#### To Amend Part VI Of Its Rules And Regulations And Fee Structure

Call to order the Public Hearing of the Provincetown Board of Health March 9, 2000.

The Board has two items on the agenda tonight. The first item is a Public Hearing which was published in the Provincetown Advocate February 24, 2000 and March 2, 2000. The public notice reads as follows: see attached public hearing notice.

This Public Hearing will be conducted in the following manner;

- The Board will hear from the **proponents**.
- The Board will then have an opportunity to ask questions.
- The public will then have a chance to ask questions.
- The Board will hear from the **opponents**.
- The Board will then have an opportunity to ask questions.
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The Board will recess for 5 minutes.

- The Board will then hear concluding statements/rebuttal from the **proponents**.
- The Board will then hear concluding statements/rebuttal from the **opponents**.
- At that time all public input will cease and the Board will begin deliberations.
- No questions will be permitted until after the speaker has finished his or her presentation.
- Questioners will identify themselves to the Chair, state their questions through the Chair and specify to whom the question is addressed.
- Any disagreements with answers are restricted to rebuttal statements.
- At the completion of arguments citizens may record themselves in agreement with the speaking side by making another presentation.

#### Meeting is started with;

- D. Guertin as proponent making a presentation about the need for new regulations.
- After a long process between the Board and DPW staff Mr. Guertin thinks these regulations are the most suitable, workable, for the Town.
- The Chair call for **proponents** from the audience:
  1. Anne Howard thinks the regulations will be effective.
- Hearing no further comments from the **proponents**, the Chair directs questions of the Board:
  1. MC; asks questions of the staff;  
Do they think removing the \$2.00 fee for residents with curbside pick-up will affect the regulations?  
Would they support that? (D. Guertin & S. Turner; not sure, but are willing to try)  
If not then the Board & staff will revisit the issue in say 3 months.  
Will be unable to reinstate the \$2.00 fee if it is removed until 1 year following.  
(G. Menangas opposes the idea. Says it cost the town money. People abuse the system.)
  2. Board members discuss and agree it would be a good idea to try it and see how it works.
- The Chair asks for comments from the **opponents** to the regulations:
  1. Berta Romano; Would Bay Colony residents be allowed to take their trash to the Transfer Staion?...

D. Guertin, yes.

2. Pat Bennetti; Sometimes people try to claim residency when they are not. How will staff know? What about a \$2.00 fee for residents? What if you are helping a senior with their trash or see a neighbors trash badly kept and you put it in your trash to keep the neighborhood clear. Will it exceed the limit?

3. Lynn Daves; Curious as to why the regulations are being proposed.

4. Barbra Levinson; What about multiple units?

5. Robert Russel;

What determines brush? What about Christmas trees? He says the town will no longer be able to pick-up according to new regulations.

He also points out the language in Part VI, Article 3, Section 6 under Collections. He thinks it should read; once a week pick-up per fire district "household" (as opposed to "resident".)

Also, what about small trailers that hitch to cars. How will they be considered?

Also, what if he doesn't go to the Transfer Station for a couple of weeks and by then has six (6) barrels?

6. Anne Howard;

How will a full load be determine?

Also, define Section VI, Article 5, Part 3. Says Board should eliminate #4, Article 9, Part VI.

Regarding DPU license number (no longer required.)

- Read into the record three (3) letters from **opponents** (see attached.)

**Board takes a recess.**

**Board resumes the meeting.**

- No concluding statements/rebuttals from **proponents** or **opponents**.

- Public portion closed.

- Board begins deliberations.

- GD;

1. To amend page 2 Part VI, Article 3, Part C3; Would like to see "lodgings" be more fully defined to include motels, etc. List to be added by DPW.

2. Spelling in "behind" page 4, Part P-N.

3. What is clean wood waste?

4. Also, would like to add language to page 7, Part VI, Article 5C to include a number "2" to state that "Any complaints would be in writing" with a form to be provided by the Health Inspector.

5. Wants to eliminate #2, page 12 "Bulky Waste".

6. Get rid of "to attempt a mutually agreeable solution", Page 15, Part VI – B.)

- L. Davis;

1. Page 11, Recyclable Waste – B-2, change to R1.

2. Page 13, Section B; wants DPW to come up with better language.

- M. Couture;

1. Reiterates need to eliminate the \$2.00 fee.

2. To eliminate language under Part VI, Article 5, Section A; Solid Waste Fees, Part 6, Household trash – to eliminate "Those who get curbside pick-up....per bag.

**MOTION:**

To approve regulations as amended.

KH; GD, second 4-0.

The Board thanks DPW staff for its hard work and great effort.

**To See If The Board of Health Will Approve a Public Notice Publication Titled**

**MOTION:**

The Board of Health approves a public notice publication titled *New Regulations Require Recycling of TV's, Computer Monitors* including the *Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Fact Sheet for Municipal Recycling Coordinators*.

KH; LD, second 4-0.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 9:35 p.m.; KH; GD, second 4-0.