



Town of Provincetown
Meeting of the
WATER & SEWER BOARD
Thursday January 10, 2019
Veterans Memorial Community Center
Room 89
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA

Meeting Minutes 1-10-19

Attendees: Bob O'Malley, Jonathan Sinaiko, Peter Graham, Steven Baker

Regrets: Tracey Rose, Gary Palmer

Meeting began with the Public Hearing @2:01pm

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing opened up at 2:01pm by Jonathan Sinaiko: This is a public hearing to raise the sewer betterment rate to \$55.00 per T5 gallon from it existing rate of \$45.00 per T5 gallon.

Jonathan asked if any members of the public were here for this hearing? Rich Waldo gave a brief background of how they arrived at this new betterment rate. This is the first time in 12 years we have asked for an increased betterment rate. Emily Beebe has asked if this was an annual fee or a onetime fee. Rich responded that it is a one-time fee and typically based on bedroom counts and billed annually over a twenty year period. She also asked about who pays for the connection? Rich responded that the town provides the connection to the property line but the homeowner is responsible for hiring a contractor to hook up to the service.

Motion that the Water & Sewer Board amend the sewer Betterment rate from \$45.00 per T5 Gallon to \$55.00 per T5 gallon by Bob O'Malley, seconded by Steven Baker, approved 3-0.

Statements from the Public: none

Statements from the Board: Jonathan again asked about the enforcement policies in place for affordable rentals. He is worried that it is a vehicle for contractors to manipulate the system. Cody Salisbury stated that the affordable units are restricted. There are deed restrictions in place and at most condos, people regulate what their neighbors are doing. Jonathan then spoke about affordable units for sale and wants to

know how this is enforced. Rich stated that affordable units are deed restricted as well. Steven Baker mentioned that any rentals need to have certificates.

Staff Updates: Rich Waldo stated the USDA grant application has been submitted for the upgrade on the sewer system and we hope to here in February on this application. We hope to bring the FY 2020 budgets to you at the next meeting. Cody Salisbury stated the Winslow II tank hopes to start refilling the tank on Monday and hopes to have it filled and tested by the end of January. Water production is up 30% this month due to a couple of good leaks that have been addressed and the annual looks to be up 1.4% for the year. Cody also spoke about the number of members needed for this board, Bob O'Malley had questioned if there were enough members present for this meeting. The clarification was made and the website (which is incorrect) will be updated.

Water Abatements:

105 Bradford St. ext.; The Sea Glass Inn had an underground leak that went unnoticed until water came bubbling up through the ground, the technician assisted with locating the leak and it was repaired upon discovery, however it does not qualify under the 500% rule. The owner, Faith, is present if the board has any questions. Board asked that owner to look into replacing the underground polyethylene pipe.
Motion made to Abate at 50% of total usage amount by Bob O'Malley, seconded by Steven Baker, approved 4-0.

56 Commercial; Underground leak from pipe leading from house to seasonal cottage. Leak has not been repaired because water is off to cottage for the winter. This does not qualify under the 500% rule.
Motion made to deny request by Jonathan Sinaiko, seconded by Peter Graham, approved 4-0.

887 Commercial St #3; Meter has not been working correctly for a few years now, homeowner had denied the water dept. access to the meter. (Mr. Bates has passed away) An estimated bill was sent and the wife has requested an abatement on the estimated amount. The technician did go in and find a chewed wire leading to the Radio read box. This does not qualify under the 500% rule.
Motion made to deny request by Jonathan Sinaiko, seconded by Peter Graham, approved 4-0.

208 Bradford St A1-3; this is an underground leak that was discovered by monthly reads, property manager was notified and leak was immediately repaired. If abated it would be \$5,820.64. Staff recommendation is to deny because form was not returned to this office until the 10 of December, 5 days after the deadline.

Motion to grant abatement by Jonathan Sinaiko, seconded by Bob O'Malley, approved 4-0-0.

Meeting Minutes; Vote to approve the minutes of 12-13-18.

Motion to approve minutes by Bob O'Malley, seconded by Jonathan Sinaiko, approved 3-0-1.

Sewer Abatements;

105 Bradford St. Ext.

56 Commercial St.

887 Commercial St. #3

208 Bradford St A1-3;

Motion made to approve all four sewer Abatements by Bob O'Malley, seconded by Steven Baker, approved 3-0-0.

Flow Revisions:

16 Cottage St; this is a failed system and they are requesting a hook up to the sewer system. This has been approved by the BOH.

Motion to approve by Jonathan Sinaiko, seconded by Bob O'Malley, approved 3-0-0.

331 Commercial St; this is a reduction of 411 gallons due to a change in use to" take out" from inside seating.

Motion to approve by Jonathan Sinaiko, seconded by Bob O'Malley, approved 3-0-0.

425 Commercial St; this is a reduction of 110 gallons due to reduction in bedrooms.


Motion to approve by Bob O'Malley, seconded by Jonathan Sinaiko, approved 3-0-0.

Unanticipated business: None

Adjournment at 2:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Petterson

Approved by  on 3/14/ _____, 2019