

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, June 8, 2006
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

Members present: Jonathan Sinaiko, Chair; Austin Knight; Sacha Richter

Members absent: Anne Lord (excused)

Other attendees: Health Agent Jane Evans; DPW Staff Dana Faris, Ron Gamella, and Anna Michaud

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Public Hearing to Amend Final Area of Concern and Sewer Regulations

Mr. Sinaiko read the notice and opened the hearing to the public. There were no members of the public present to speak either for or against the proposed amendments. Nor were there any letters either for or against the amendments. The chairman then closed the hearing to the public. Mr. Sinaiko then moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, that the Board vote, pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2000, to amend the Final Area of Concern to include the following properties:

Address	Assessor's Map
56 Shank Painter Road	07-3-002
68 Shank Painter Road	07-3-003
14 Mercantile Way	07-3-004
33 Ships Way Road	07-3-009-A
39 Ships Way Road	07-3-009
41R Ships Way Road	07-3-004-A

The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Sinaiko then moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, that the Water & Sewer Board vote to amend Section 6 of the Sewer Regulations by adding a new subsection B2(c) as follows:

- (c) properties included within the area added to the Service Area by amendment of the final area of concern on June 8, 2006, provided such amendment is approved by DEP.

The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Water Abatements

Ms. Michaud presented the following applications for abatement of water charges:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount	Staff Recommendation
9010310	640 Shore Road	Dorothy Nearen	\$1,149.50	Leak; corrected at spring turn-on. Abate to \$250 in accordance with 500% rule.
9001303	584 Shore Rd.	Ross Zachs	\$901.00	Winter leak; broken pipe; now corrected. Abate to \$250 in accordance with 500% rule.
9000156	Route 6	Truro Central School	\$825.00	Calculation error. Abate to \$775.00.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to accept staff's recommendations and grant abatements in all three cases. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Sewer Abatements

Mr. Gamella presented the following applications for abatement of sewer use charges:

Acct#	Property Address	Applicant	Billed Amount	Staff Recommendation
4405	655 Commercial St.	Lori Pressman	\$277.50	Clerical error. Abate to \$75.00.

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Knight, to accept staff's recommendation and to grant an abatement. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 25, 2006 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Applications for Water Service

Ms. Michaud presented two applications by the Town of Truro to install hydrants at 23 and 57 Shore Road. Both applications had been approved by the Truro Board of Health and Truro Board of Selectmen. Ms. Michaud stated that the applications had been reviewed by Acting Water Superintendent Carl Hillstrom, who recommended approval. Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, that the applications be approved. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Responding to the Board's request that the Board of Health develop criteria for sewer connections in any extensions, Health Agent Jane Evans reported that the Board of Health is continuing to discuss proposed changes to the regulations. Among the criteria under consideration are change of use, change of ownership, increase of 50 square feet in living area, and renovations costing in excess of 25% of the building value.

Mr. Evans also presented a draft report by Woodard & Curran of the spring grease trap inspections. The Board felt that, in several instances, some corrective action may be indicated. Accordingly, the Board agreed to have a meeting on June 14 at which Woodard & Curran would be asked to speak to the report. [The June 14 meeting was subsequently cancelled.]

Mr. Knight asked about delinquent water accounts in Truro. Ms. Michaud reported that there is a meeting set for June 21 between the Provincetown and Truro Boards of Selectmen and that the subject of procedures for handling delinquent Truro water accounts is on the agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to adjourn the meeting. The vote carried by a vote of 3-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk