

Town of Provincetown

Meeting of the WATER & SEWER BOARD

Thursday, October 26, 2006
Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

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

Members absent: Anne Lord (excused)

Other attendees: DPW Staff Carl Hillstrom, Dana Faris, Ron Gamella, and Anna Michaud; members of the public

Call to Order

Mr. Sinaiko called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Application for Water Service

Mr. Hillstrom presented an application for water service at 352 Route 6, Truro. The Truro Boards of Health and Selectmen had previously approved the application. Truro Fire Chief Prada, who was present, said that he had reviewed the application and was satisfied that adequate fire protection existed to serve the site. Mr. Sinaiko then moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to grant the application. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Flow Revisions

Mr. Faris presented the following flow revisions.

Map & Parcel	Address	Orig Flow	Rev Flow	Net Chg	Final Betterment 1-15-04	Revised Total Betterment	Net Betterment Increase (Decrease)	Reason for Change
12-1-009	349 Commercial St.	823	1,055	232	\$27,718.64	\$35,532.40	\$7,813.76	Revision to account for two extra bedrooms and revised retail space per plans by Wm. Rogers.
12-2-029	4 Pearl St.	550	660	110	\$18,524.00	\$22,228.80	\$3,704.80	Revision to account for 6 th bedroom.

Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Sinaiko, to approve the flow revisions. 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
301	7 Webster Pl.	William Levesque	\$1,716.50	Abate \$1,161.50. Overpayment due to high usage estimates over several years. Actual usage now being read.
1808	143R Bradford St. Ext.	Philip Mossy, Jr.	\$837.50	Abate \$712.50. Meter change-out reading error.

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

Ms. Michaud reported that, as a result of an aggressive meter replacement program, 46% of the department's customers were now served by radio-read meters.

Review of Articles for Town Meeting

After a brief discussion, Mr. Knight moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to recommend Article 1—the borrowing authorization for extension of the sewer system—at the upcoming November 13 special town meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Mr. Knight further suggested having a map at town meeting showing the area of the proposed sewer extension.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sinaiko moved, seconded by Mr. Richter, to approve the minutes of the meetings of August 24, 2006 as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Other Business

Mr. Knight reported that he had spoken with Mr. Silva regarding the laundromat. The machines are on site, and plans have been provided to the building department. Mr. Knight stated, however, that Mr. Silva was unable to provide a timetable for opening of the laundromat.

It was reported that the Grand Union is delaying connecting to the sewer until certain renovations are completed. The Board expressed frustration that the wastewater system has yet to see any flow from the laundromat/Grand Union extension that was completed early in the summer. Mr. Knight suggested that there should be some follow-up by staff prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Gamella reported that staff was expecting to have a grease management program in place prior to next year's summer season.

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 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sacha Richter, Clerk