

Provincetown Water & Sewer Board

Worksession

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Grace Gouviea Building

Water Department Office

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In Attendance: Not In Attendance:

Giovanni Cicero Joel Ouellet (unexcused)

David Perry

Custodio Silva

Craig Wiegand, Water Superintendent

David Guertin, DPW Director

Kathie Meads, Water Secretary

Worksession called to Order at 1:15 p.m.

Custodio Silva updated John (Giovanni) Cicero on the discussion preceding his arrival. The Provincetown Board of Selectmen passed Rules & Regulations for the Water Department which had been agreed to by Keith Bergman, Provincetown Town Manager and Bud Breault, Truro Town Administrator. Each member of the Water & Sewer Board has received a copy. Custodio alerted the rest of the Board to the purpose of today's worksession which included a reorganization of the Water & Sewer Board and the appointment of a new chairman.

David Perry nominated Custodio Silva as Chairman.

John Cicero seconded the nomination.

Custodio agreed to accept the nomination with the approval of John Cicero of John Cicero as the senior member and

with the understanding that when the Board rounds out its membership, he will step down if another member is free to serve as Chairman.

Vote to accept Custodio Silva as Chairman of the Water & Sewer Board 2 – 0 in favor. One abstention.

Custodio announced that the Board should now elect a Clerk whose primary function would be to keep in communication with the Kathie Meads, Water Department Secretary.

John Cicero nominated David Perry.

David Perry declined and nominated John Cicero as the senior member.

Custodio Silva seconded the nomination.

John accepted the nomination. Vote in favor of John Cicero as Clerk of the Water & Sewer Board 3-0.

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Custodio led a discussion regarding the pending March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with Larry Dayian S.E. Region of the DEP to discuss the pressure problem on the water main in Truro running south from South Hollow Road.

David Guertin explained that the pressure along that line would be discussed with Larry Dayian of Southeast Region of the DEP at a meeting scheduled for March 30, 1999. I would suggest that we not allow any further connections on that line until the pressure situation is resolved, as the system would not be up to DEP standards. Perhaps it would be appropriate for the Water Department to send letters to any applicants along that line explaining that due to technical problems with that line, no hook-ups would be allowed until the problem was corrected.

John Cicero explained his position regarding the prior approval of Seamen's Savings Bank. He considers the bank a regional service to both communities and wondered if Seamen's could be excluded from this moratorium

Custodio offered that the Bank's project had not progressed to the point where a hook-up was eminent. By the time they are ready for their approved hook-up, we should have some answers to the pressure problem.

David Perry agreed that the people who have taken application for that water line, even if they have not been approved as yet, should be notified of our inability to hook-up anyone until the problem is resolved.

David Perry made a motion that all applicants on the line south of South Hollow should be sent the same letter of notification that we would not be able to allow any hook-ups until the pressure problem is resolved.

Some further discussion ensued around the potential hook-ups, applications which have been taken from the Water Department Office but not returned and the Seamen's Savings Bank which has a letter of approval from May of 1996.

Craig Wiegand offered that it is not enough to simply state that a pressure problem exists. We need to demonstrate in a formal way what needs to be done to bring the system into compliance with DEP distribution standards. For example: an adequate water standpipe, fire hydrants and appropriately sized mains need to be considered. Most importantly, plans for a new water supply should be brought to the table.

John Cicero added that we don't wish to relinquish the management of our system when they have not, as yet, even accepted our Rules and Regulations.

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John Cicero further suggested that we send two letters. One letter to the applicants which have not received permission to hook-up as yet and one to Seamen's Savings Bank which has a letter of permission already.

The original motion by David Perry was withdrawn.

A motion was made by John Cicero to send two letters: one to the property owners who have taken water service applications from this office for the Truro line south of South Hollow Road and one to Seamen's Savings Bank which has an approval letter already.

The motion was seconded by David Perry. Vote in favor of sending two letters 3-0.

Kathie asked for some clarification regarding the content of the letter to Seamen's Savings Bank.

David Guertin said he will write the letter and run it by the Board prior to mailing it.

Staff will write the other letter and staff will run it by the Water & Sewer Board Chairman for approval.

At the next meeting the Water & Sewer Board will address the Rules and Regulations as approved by the Provincetown Board of Selectmen on March 22, 1999.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 1:00 p.m..