

Minutes of the Water & Sewer Board Meeting

Held on Tuesday, June 01, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

At the Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street, Provincetown

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In attendance:

Custodio J. Silva, Jr. Chairman

John Cicero

David Perry

Craig Wiegand, Water Superintendent

David Guertin, DPW Director

Kathie Meads, Water Secretary

Gary Palmer, Truro Health Department

Representative for Carole Yeager, 575 Shore Rd., North Truro

Public Statements:

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Custodio Silva called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and asked for any public statements.

There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 13 1999 meeting were reviewed and a **motion** to accept the minutes as written was made by David Perry and seconded by John Cicero. Vote in favor to accept the minutes 3-0.

WATER SERVICE APPLICATION YEAGER NORTH TRURO:

An application previously approved by the Truro Board of Selectmen was brought before the Water and Sewer Board for 575 Shore Road in North Truro. The members of the Board were informed that the proper procedure had been

followed and voted to accept the application.

Motion to accept the application was made by John Cicero and seconded by David Perry. Vote in favor 3-0.

STATUS REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN FOR June 1, 1999:

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Craig Wiegand gave an explanation of each of the areas as outlined in the Report to the Selectmen dated June 1, 1999 (attached). Craig also explained the request for capital expenditures to be paid for by the Enterprise Fund monies recently made available under Article 15, 1999 STM April. (also attached). After some brief discussion on each item in the outline and with the verbal approval of both John Cicero and Custodio Silva regarding the installation of new meters and curb boxes at the street for runs of longer than 25 ft, a **motion** was made by John Cicero to release the enterprise funds for the expenses outlined in the memo. The motion was seconded by David Perry. Vote in favor of releasing the funds 3-0.

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Craig continued his brief descriptions of each of the outlined topics including the Winslow Street tank which is up and running as of last weekend. The South Hollow wells (all 8) are now back on line. The Department is waiting for a report from Environmental Partners Group as to the feasibility of changing the wells from a vacuum system to submersible wells. When the results of this study are in, we will finalize our plans for the project which we hope will be funded under the MCDBG 98 grant.

We are still waiting for a figure on the total cost of the hydraulic modeling study. Both corrosion control facilities are in operation for the coming summer season.

David Perry inquired as to the status on the McGuire/Thomas septic system at South Hollow. He was told by Craig that this Department should look into the purchase of this property at some point in the future possibly with the use of Land Bank Funds.

In this regard Gary Palmer from the Truro Board of Health stated that, at this time, the only officially sanctioned use of Truro's land bank funds would be for the purpose of a joint wellfield with Provincetown.

David Guertin mentioned the upcoming June 22, 1999 joint Selectmen's meeting and said this would be a "hot" topic for discussion.

Craig also briefed the Board on his desire to install flow valve measuring devices along some of the spur lines to help the Department track leaks which could be occurring in some of those longer lines such as the National Park main.

The calibration of both wellfields has been completed for this year and the report indicated that the recorded amount was 100 gallons more per minute than we were actually pumping. This was another source of unaccounted for water.

Craig also briefly touched on the backflow prevention inspection program which has been mandated as a system responsibility by DEP as of January 1, 1999. We informed Gary Palmer that Provincetown will be needing assistance from Truro on this matter. There are businesses in Truro which are on the Provincetown Water System which will need to be inspected. Craig mentioned the signage project he wants instituted around the wellfields alerting the public to the fact that these are watershed areas. The need for new facilities to house the Water Department was mentioned. Craig would like to see the Department eventually located in a more centralized location and closer to the wellfields.

The alarms at both stations which were in place but had not been connected are now fully operational and the Department has entered into a contract with Cape Cod Alarm Company to

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monitor the alarm system. The alarm will sound in the Provincetown Police Station and Provincetown Police will call Truro who will respond to the alarm.

Craig voiced his concern over the \$100,000 figure for an EIS for the former AFB wells in the CCNS. Both he and David Guertin wish to explore this idea further before committing the funds. The wells at the AFB are over 30 years old and may need complete rehabilitation in order to meet the Town's needs. Other options may prove more prudent than investing this much into those wells.

ABATEMENT PROCESS REVIEW:

Kathie gave a brief update on the abatement process to date. The situation with the owners of Highland Acres in North Truro was mentioned. The consensus of the Board was that all water accounts which were hooked onto the system prior to January 1st whether they began drawing water or not were customers on the system and should pay a minimum bill for the year. The Board further noted that the abatement policy in general will be reviewed in greater detail at a future meeting with appropriate written policy included in the Rules and Regulations to be written later this year.

The Board also authorized Kathie and Craig to continue with the same abatement procedure as had been the policy under the previous Water Department Administration.

NEXT MEETING JUNE 15, 1999:

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The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 1999 at 1:00 p.m..

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. was made by John Cicero and seconded by David Perry. Vote in favor to adjourn 3-0.