

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING WATER AND SEWER BOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Chair Cheryl Andrews convened the open meeting at 5:00 pm noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Chair Cheryl Andrews, Members Robert Anthony, and Louise Venden

Excused: Vice Chair Erik Yingling and Tom Donegan

Others in attendance: Town Manager David B. Panagore, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner, DPW Director Richard Waldo, Water Super Cody Salisbury and Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine.

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

Acting Chair Kathy Meads called the Water and Sewer Board to order.

Jean Horner, Gary Palmer, Kevin Kuechler and Mark Collins were present. Gary and Kevin represent Truro in all matter of water.

1. Joint meeting with Water & Sewer Board- Discussion Dependent/Votes May Occur

a. Presentation on the financial status of the Water Enterprise Fund, pro forma and proposed water rate increases

Town Manager David Panagore gave quick introduction and turned the meeting over to John Goodrich to present the overview of the Water Enterprise Fund. Mr. Goodrich addresses questions raised from the August joint meeting, water enterprise fund information and forecasts, analysis of the scenarios for addressing the problem and summary based upon the analysis of criteria and timeline for implementation. The discussion centered on the long term planning; estimates of the funds needed for Capital Reserves and Operating Reserves and how the rates need to reflect the funds needed at the end of the 10 years can be implemented. Mr. Goodrich presented three scenarios, for addressing the problem and a brief summary of each and timeline for implementation. Fall billing of 2018 would be when the first changes go into effect if the Boards were to vote to implement immediately.

Jean Horner – supports changing the water rates, I think implementing them both at the same time.

Selectman Venden – I think scenario 2 does support year round residents and businesses. I am hoping we will continue to support efforts to conserve water.

Selectman Anthony – agree with Louise, I not like to see a delay.

Kathy Meads – I am also in favor of scenario 2. I don't like the idea of people not paying a basic fee year round use.

Kevin Kuechler – I have no problem supporting scenario 2.

Chair Andrews – I still do not like the idea of raising rates, sewer and water. Could we have a system that would allow users to access their monthly use data?

Kathy Meads move to vote on the water rates in scenario 2 without delay and recommending them to the

Board of Selectmen
Jean Horner Seconded.
5/0/0

Selectman Venden moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to hold a public hearing on December 11, 2017 to hear public input on water rate increases as provided in scenario 2 as recommended by the water and sewer board.

Selectman Anthony seconded
3/0/0

Chair Andrews moved to adjourn

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine