

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 2, 2002

### WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE

#### JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Mary-Jo Avellar opened the meeting 6:00 PM noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen members: Mary-Jo Avellar, Cheryl Andrews, Michele Couture, Sarah Peake

Excused Absence: Richard Olson.

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Assistant Town Manager Mark Latour, Metcalf & Eddy Project Engineer Jim Sullivan, Environmental Partners Group Project Manager Wayne Perry, Resident Engineer Ted Bailey.

Recorder: Secretary to the Board of Selectmen Vernon Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

#### **1**     WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATE

The purpose of this meeting is to be briefed on wastewater matters.

Open discussion. No motions made.

Keith explained that there is a letter that has to be sent out to as soon as possible to property owners who are going to be hooked up to the sewer. It contains information in it, which updates the public on the status of the sewer project and what our overall time frame is. It gets to a whole category of issues, in particular, what hook-up costs are covered by the betterment and what costs are not.

See attached letter from Keith Bergman to the Board of Selectmen dated June 28, 2002 re: Sewer Project Update – containing the draft letter proposed to be sent to property owners hooking up, asking them to specify where the hook-up will occur on their property. Also a plot plan of the owner's specific property will be attached to each letter. If Metcalf & Eddy is to stay on schedule for construction through the winter these letters need to be returned by the end of July.

As we define it, the second letter will then be able to get into cost to provide the property owners with cost information based on the decision that has been made. Here we want to help anticipate what the nature of the cost information is going to be because there are two categories those thing which the sewer betterment covers and those that which the sewer betterment does not cover, that the property owner will be responsible for.

There are several options, for those costs, which are not subject to the sewer betterment – Promoting Competition for Plumbing, Landscaping, etc.; - Low interest Loans for Residential Properties – Housing Rehabilitation Grants for Low & Moderate Income Property Owners.

See attached copy of related material including sample of 4 plot plans

Keith mentioned that the Water & Sewer Board voted to endorse in concept the draft first mailing.

Cheryl Andrews asked if when there was going to be 24-hour coverage. Answer: At the startup.

Motion to adjourned by Michele Couture at 7:40 pm.

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