

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
February 21, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Roger Blanchette
Stephen Cushing, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Jonathan Dickerson
Carol Sanz
Eunice Manduca
Ted North
Hamish Gravem
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Laura Pedulli (Wanderer)
Jennifer Heshion (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Henry announced that the meeting would be televised, video recorded by ORCTV, and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting shall be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

Jonathan Dickerson, Recreation Director

Mr. Dickerson has proposed that the Board sell up to 20 one-day passes allowing non-residents to use Silvershell Beach during the summer; each pass would cost \$10. He said a large number of non-residents park on the side streets and then walk to the beach and he hoped that the sale of passes would reduce the amount of parking on the side streets and also bring in some revenue to the Town that could be used for maintenance to the beach. The Chief of Police, Treasurer, and members of the Parks/Tree Committee have all indicated to him that they support the proposal. Mr. Blanchette questioned how the cash payments would be tracked and Mr. Dickerson explained the money handling procedure. Mr. Henry asked if a debit machine could be used; Mr. Dawson explained how transaction fees and accounting requirements made the use of debit and credit cards prohibitive for municipalities. Creating a "receipts reserved for future appropriation fund" will be discussed with Mrs. Mooney.

Mr. Blanchette voiced concern for overcrowding at the beach; Mr. Dickerson said he was told there are 700 spaces in the parking lot and he has never seen the parking lot completely full.

Carol Sanz asked how the proposal will prevent people from parking on the street and walking to the beach.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the proposal, go forward and try it for a year, and revisit it next year to see if it should be modified, changed, dropped, or enlarged. VOTE: 3-0-0

The Board briefly discussed Rochester's portion of expenses. Mr. Dickerson said he submitted to Mrs. Mooney a letter regarding the cost of a lifeguard and submitted a bill to Rochester last January. Mr. Blanchette said the Town of Rochester pays only a fraction of beach-related expenses to the Town of Marion yet a large number of Rochester residents use the beach, Island Wharf, and the boat ramp at Old Landing. Mr. Dawson said an intermunicipal agreement between the two towns will be required.

ACTION ITEMS

Request from Marion Art Center regarding July 7 Arts in the Park (01/28/12)

The Marion Art Center is requesting to hold the Annual "Arts in the Park" in Bicentennial Park on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are also requesting to close Main Street between Spring Street and Pleasant Street from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the Arts in the Park closing of the streets. VOTE: 3-0-0

Sign Warrant for Presidential Primary

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – Steak Dinner, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (03/04/12)

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – Chicken Barbecue, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (04/15/12)

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – Clam Bake, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (05/20/12)

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Disclosure of Financial Interest by Special Municipal Employee

Wiring Inspector Randy Caswell has submitted a Disclosure of Financial Interest by Special Municipal Employee indicating that he has a contract to provide electrical services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the Approval of Exemption for Mr. Caswell. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Discuss possible MOU between Town and Future Generation Wind, LLC regarding purchase of power

The Board reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Future Generation Wind, LLC.

Future Generation Wind has secured permitting and is in the process of constructing a wind turbine in the town of Plymouth. They are discussing selling the electricity to communities who are interested in purchasing green energy through a system called “net metering”. Mr. Dawson emphasized that there is absolutely no consideration of construction of wind turbines in the town of Marion. The rates will need to be negotiated but there will be substantial savings over what the town currently pays to utilities. The MOU does not commit the Town to anything more than good faith and open negotiations in securing the credits; it does not commit the Town to buying the credits. The MOU has been reviewed by Town Counsel. Mr. Dawson said this contact was made through the Marion Energy Management Committee and he believes it’s a good opportunity for Marion to avail itself of some available green energy and to achieve a cost reduction.

Ted North asked if a wind tower is proposed and was told no. He asked where the power will come from and was told from wind towers in the town of Plymouth. He asked what the rate will be and said that will have to be worked out. Mr. Dawson explained that this is not a contract to buy power but a MOU to enter into negotiations. Mr. North asked who will be buying the power and was told potentially the whole Tri-Town area but right now the Town of Marion. He voiced concern for the impact a wind tower would have on the town and was told that is not what is being discussed. Mr. North voiced concern for the economic stability of wind turbine projects and said the town would be taking a significant risk.

Mr. Dawson said he needed to reiterate that a wind turbine is not being proposed anywhere within the geographic confines of the Town of Marion. He said the MOU might lead to a contract for the Town to buy energy credits that could then be applied to its electric bills. If the industry were to fall apart, the Town would go back to buying electricity from the utility company as it always has. Mr. Cushing said one of the questions the town would have to have answered is whether a contract would bind it to something it could not get out of. Mr. Blanchette said it’s critical to have an exit policy. Mr. Dawson said this project has gone through the permitting process and has been approved. The next step is for the company to make a formal presentation explaining the benefits to the Town of Marion; the MOU will expire in six months.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded to Mr. Blanchette to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and also to authorize the Chairman to sign the document. VOTE: 3-0-0

Vehicle transfer between DPW and Town Inspector(s)

A joint request was received from the DPW Superintendent and the Building Commissioner for the transfer of a vehicle between departments. The vehicle was formerly used by the DPT and the transfer will not add to the fleet.

YSI Building update

YSI vacated the building today. The DPW will be moving the carpentry shop to one section of the building and Harbormaster will be using space for storage. Mr. Dawson said consideration of the long term use of the building will be necessary. The Harbormaster has been investigating the conversion from heating oil to gas in an attempt to reduce heating costs. Mr. Henry said the Harbormaster told him that if Marconi Village were willing to convert to gas the gas company would allow both buildings to tie in to the gas main. Mr. Dawson said the gas company will run the gas line at no cost if the DPW will dig the trench; Mr. Henry voiced opposition to having the trench dug by the DPW. Mr. Blanchette suggested having the Town House Advisory Committee review possible long term uses for the building once they've completed the Town House study. Mr. Dawson said the Capital Improvement Planning Committee will be touring the building on Saturday morning.

Carol Sanz asked if the Harbormaster has been approved to start the work; Mr. Henry said he's taken the lead on doing the legwork with the expectation that he'd be able to move his operation up there. Mrs. Sanz voiced concern for the piecemeal approach in determining a use for the building and asked if it should be sold and placed back on the tax rolls. She questioned if taking the building was the right thing and asked about asbestos remediation; she was told that was all done. Mr. Dawson said the Harbormaster would like to begin moving in tomorrow, the Board had indicated early in the process that that would be one of the uses for the building short term, and unless he heard differently from them tonight the Harbormaster would be moving in tomorrow. Mr. Henry said the first and best use of the building would be an industrial use. Mr. Dawson said he believes there is an opportunity for the building to be used for other municipal purposes and he has seen commercial/industrial buildings successfully converted to other uses. He said if long use planning indicates that municipal use of the building doesn't make sense the opportunity to sell it always exists. Mrs. Sanz noted that the building is very close to Marconi Village and said noise from DPW equipment should be considered.

Hamish Gravem asked if the operating expenses were available and was told the energy consumption was reviewed by the Harbormaster but that information was not available tonight. Mr. Gravem asked what the appraisal value of the building was and was told approximately \$600,000; he replied that in today's commercial real estate market that would be a fetch.

Ted North asked if the town really needed the building and described the cost associated with owning it.

CORRESPONDENCE

ZBA request for comments – 56 Allen Street (2/10/12)

Mr. Blanchette recommended that the Board submit comments regarding this application.

Memo from Music Hall Advisory Committee regarding rental fees (2/10/12)

The Music Hall Advisory Committee voted to recommend that a reduction in rental fees for multiple rentals by one organization be denied. Mr. Blanchette recommended that the

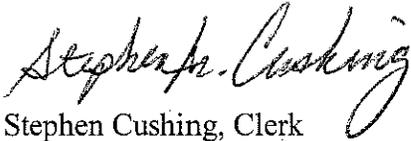
Board accept the recommendation of the Music Hall Advisory Committee; the Sippican Historical Society will be notified of the recommendation.

Carol Sanz described the lack of lighting at the front of the Music Hall and asked why it has not been resolved. She was told the Music Hall Advisory Committee requested and received approval from the Board to begin the process; it was agreed that Mr. Dawson will find out the status.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette at 8:40 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-Union personnel after which the Board will not be returning to regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: 3/6/12

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING

Meeting minutes – February 7, 2012
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One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – steak dinner 03/04/12
One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – chicken barbecue 04/15/12
One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – clam bake 05/20/12
Disclosure of Financial Interest by Special Municipal Employee (R. Caswell)
Memo from Mr. Dawson regarding transfer of vehicle (02/06/12)
Memo from Mattapoissett Herring Inspector announcing February 28 Annual Herring Meeting (02/06/12)
ZBA request for comments – 5 Water Street (2/8/12)
ZBA request for comments – 56 Allen Street (2/10/12)
Letter regarding Notice of Intent to Sell 61A Land Map 2, Lot 19
Notice of Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School FY13 budget 2/27 public hearing
Copy of letter to Little Neck Village property manager (2/14/12)
Memo from Music Hall Advisory Committee regarding rental fees (2/10/12)
Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School District Committee 1/12/12 meeting minutes