

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
March 6, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Stephen Cushing, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roger Blanchette

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Chief Miller
Derryl Lawrence
Norman Hills
Jonathan Dickerson
Karen Kevelson
Bill Johnston
Carol Sanz
Eunice Manduca
Rico Ferrari
Robert Raymond
Neal Balboni
Jay Ryder
Margo Steinberg
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Katy Fitzpatrick (Wanderer)
Joanne Rowley (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting. VOTE: 2-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Lincoln Miller, Derryl Lawrence

Chief Miller is requesting the appointment of Derryl Lawrence, Jr. as a special police officer, effective immediately, for a one year probationary period.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to appoint Derryl Lawrence as special police officer at the request of Chief Miller. VOTE: 2-0-0

Marion Town House Advisory Committee

Committee members Jay Ryder, Neal Balboni, William Johnston, Robert Raymond, Rico Ferrari, Karen Kevelson, and Margo Steinberg were present for the discussion. Mr.

Henry noted that an excerpt of the committee's February 22 meeting minutes had been provided and requested that a full set of the meeting minutes be submitted to the Board through Mr. Dawson.

Mr. Ryder said the committee members have determined that their scope of work is beyond what was envisioned when it was formed and they would like the Board to increase the scope of work.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held with a selectman, committee members, Mr. Dawson, and Attorney Witten in attendance to discuss the issue.

Mr. Dawson read into the record the original charge that the Selectmen voted to establish and explained the Designer Selection Law.

ACTION ITEMS

One day all alcohol license – VFW Post #2425 – Ham & Bean Supper and Penny Sale, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (03/10/12)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve. VOTE: 2-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Budget Update

The Finance Committee has met with all of the departments; members of the CIPC have been present at the meetings as well. The Finance Committee will be meeting over the next ten days to address anticipated requests for funding via Town Meeting articles. Level funded state aid is anticipated. An increase in the school budget is anticipated.

Bond Rating Update

Mr. Dawson reported that Standard & Poor has increased the Town's bond rating to AA+. Standard & Poor indicated that the upgrade was due to the Town's very strong financial position, bolstered by good financial policies and procedures and stable outlook. Mr. Henry thanked the people (Mrs. Mooney, Mr. Carreiro, Mr. Dawson, Finance Committee, and department heads) responsible for the upgrade.

Hydrant Flushing

The DPW will be starting the spring hydrant flushing program on Thursday, March 15. The details of the program will be posted on the Town website.

Mr. Dawson said a report of the hydrant repairs has been requested and will be available at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence items were reviewed and briefly discussed.

Request from Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project for Declaration of Support or Non-Support for preliminary budget

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to authorize the Chair to sign the Declaration of Support. VOTE: 2-0-0

Letter from NSTAR regarding Vegetation Management plan

Email from MMA regarding upcoming OPEB sessions

Mr. Dawson noted that the May 24 session will be held in Marion but the location has not been determined.

Letter from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School regarding FY13 Operating Budget

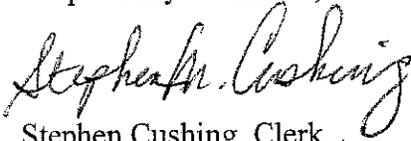
Mr. Henry asked if the Finance Committee will be meeting with the technical school committee; Mr. Dawson said that while there have been meetings in past years he is not aware of one this year as it's a standard budget driven by census.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of James Barron and Karen Thornell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry at 8:00 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 both members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: 3/20/12

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING

Meeting minutes – February 21, 2012
Memo from Chief Miller requesting Special Officer appointment (2/24/12)
Excerpt of minutes of Marion Town House Advisory Committee 2/22/12 meeting
Committee History - Town House Advisory Committee
One day all alcohol license – VFW Post #2425 (3/10/12)
Request from Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project for Declaration of Support or
Non-Support for preliminary budget
Letter from NSTAR regarding Vegetation Management Plan (2/15/12)
Letter from Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding proposed I&I improvements (2/15/12)
Letter from Comcast regarding PEG Access Funding
Email from MMA regarding upcoming OPEB sessions (2/23/12)
Letter from xfinity regarding price adjustment information (2/27/12)
Letter from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School regarding FY13 Operating
Budget (2/27/12)
Letter from MassDOT regarding 2012 Spring Sweeping (2/28/12)
Letter from Marion Natural History Museum requesting use of YSI/Marconi Building
(3/2/12)
Copy of letter to ZBA from Attys. Regnante and Haverty regarding Bay Watch Realty
Trust (3/2/12)

Planning Board meeting agenda (3/5/12)
CIPC meeting minutes (2/25/12)
Conservation Commission meeting agenda (3/14/12)