

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
July 24, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Cushing, Chairman
Jonathan Henry
Jonathan Dickerson, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Keith Mann
Norman Hills
William Saltonstall, Jr.
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Jennifer Heshion (Sippican Week)
Katy Fitzpatrick (The Wanderer)
Chris Reagle (The Sentinel)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was held at the Police Station and called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cushing announced that the meeting would be audio recorded by Town of Marion staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting shall be attached to these minutes.

Discuss and authorize execution of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

Keith Mann of Future Generation Wind was present for the discussion. Town Meeting voted to allow the Selectmen and/or ORR School District to enter into a long term PPA for the purposes of reducing energy costs and to obtain energy from renewable sources. Mr. Saltonstall was thanked for his efforts during the entire process. During the Power Point presentation Mr. Dawson explained some of the key points of the PPA.

- Location of the wind power project (on a cranberry bog in Plymouth)
- Savings (minimum of 20% and a maximum of 30%) on the Town's electricity costs
- No upfront development and construction costs to the Town
- Net Metering Credits
- Town's allocation of annual wind production (17.6%, or 1.5 of the 4 proposed turbines)
- Carrying over of credits when rates fall below minimum rate of 11.5%
- Protections within the PPA in the event of a breach of contract
- Review of the PPA by counsel for Marion, Rochester, and ORR School District
- Separate PPA for each entity
- Department of Public Utilities
- Educational component offered to local students
- Length of contract (20 years)
- Worst case scenario – the Town will not receive a reduction in rates and will continue to pay billed rate
- Savings of \$1.6 million to \$1.7 million over the next 20 years
- Ability to buy additional available energy credits if more are needed

- Ability to sell surplus credits to other entities (Future Generation Wind will assist)

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to accept the proposal that has been brought before the Board tonight to purchase the net metering credits as outlined in the presentation by Mr. Dawson. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – VFW Post #2425, birthday party August 4, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Discuss grant opportunity for County Road repairs/upgrade, discuss letter of support for project

Mr. Henry told the Board that representatives from Marion, Rochester, and Wareham met last week to discuss how to get improvements done to County Road. He explained that Pamela Marean, the Town's grant writer, would need approval to work on behalf of all three towns in pursuing the funds. Mr. Dawson said the South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Program is providing grant funds to communities within the priority development area within the South Coast Rail District and an infrastructure capacity study of the County Road area is being contemplated. The study will provide data required for improvements or possible reclassification of the road. Rochester is interested in participating but Wareham is concerned that they will be locked into committing future funds for future improvements to the road. The request tonight is that the Chairman be authorized to sign on behalf of the Board a letter of support to accompany the application, assuming that Wareham will participate. Mr. Henry told the Board that it was agreed at last week's meeting that SRPEDD will do the study if the funds are received.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support to get the grant money for the preliminary data research to figure out the direction to go in. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize grant writer Pamela Marean to execute the documents necessary to bring the application before the SRPEDD Commission which would involve overlapping the towns of Rochester and Wareham in so doing. VOTE: 3-0-0

NOTE: The following items occurred after the agenda was posted.

Ceiling collapse at the Marion Natural History Museum/Elizabeth Taber Library

Mr. Dawson announced that yesterday morning the entire ceiling of the Natural History Museum, located on the second floor of the Elizabeth Taber Library, collapsed. The 50'x50' came down at once and recovery operations have been ongoing since yesterday morning. The most historically significant artifacts were not damaged; they have been removed and are being stored at 13 Atlantis Drive. A structural engineer has inspected the building and there are no concerns for a further collapse on the library area. A full assessment of the cause will be done after the cleanup is complete. Mr. Henry said he

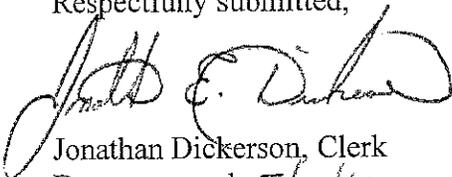
wanted to emphasize that it should be a detailed analysis with precise measurements taken to detect any movement or settling of the structure. Mr. Dawson said the structural engineer was brought in by the insurance company but the town could have its own structural analysis done prior to any reconstruction.

Work done at Sprague's Cove

Mr. Dawson said some maintenance work was being done at the Sprague's Cove. He was there with Mr. Cushing and Mr. Dickerson; after discussion with the vendor it was agreed that no more mowing or cutting would take place and the work would be limited to clean up operations. The Board of Selectmen will be having discussions with the Conservation Commission to make sure that all procurement protocols were followed and no more work is to be done until resolution. Mr. Dickerson stated that the work done was the Sprague's Cove drainage project adjacent to Silvershell Beach, and it falls under the control of the Conservation Commission.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Dickerson, Clerk
Date approved: 8/7/12

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING

Power Point Presentation entitled "Net Metering Credits", dated July 23, 2012

Power Purchase Agreement dated July 24, 2012

Comments from Ted North regarding Power Purchase Agreement (7/24/12)

One day all alcohol license – VFW Post #2425 August 4, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Letter of support for South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Program – County Road
Infrastructure Capacity Study (7/24/12)