

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson
Stephen Cushing

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Norman Hills
Larry Dorman
Steve Gonsalves
Jeff Doubrava
Cindy Trinidad
Joel Hartley
Rob Zora, DPW Superintendent
Scott Shippey, Building Commissioner
Debra Watson
Jane McCarthy
Lora Sharpe
Paul Lopes (Wanderer)
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary
Other members of the audience who were not signed in

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Music Hall. Mr. Henry announced that the meeting would be video recorded by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2014

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Water Commitment – Final Readings - \$620.74 (08/04/14)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for transfer of surplus police cruiser to Harbormaster Department

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to transfer the surplus police cruiser to the Harbormaster Department. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request to declare surplus property – two outboard motors currently used by Harbormaster Department

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day wine & malt license – VFW #2425, Town Party/Block Dance 4:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. (08/23/14, 08/24/14 rain date)

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

Discussion regarding 525 County Road

At the previous meeting the Selectmen approved a request to have Town Counsel obtain an Temporary Restraining Order to allow the Board of Survey to access and inspect two derelict properties. This is a similar request and filing for all of the properties at the same time will save the Town money in legal fees. Mr. Shippey provided the history relative to the property (525 County Road) and described the existing conditions; he said communications with the property owner have broken off.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize Town Counsel to seek a Temporary Restraining Order to allow the Board of Survey access to the property located at 525 County Road. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club, steak dinner 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (09/15/14)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club, clam bake 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (10/19/14)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

Appointment – Capital Improvements Planning Committee

A request for appointment to the Capital Improvements Planning Committee was reviewed and discussed. The application was previous provided to the committee chairman.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to appoint Paul Naiman to the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for transfer of surplus DPW (Sewer Department) truck to Facilities Department

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

One day wine & malt license – Buzzards Bay Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread House Gala at the Music Hall 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (12/04/14)

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

APPOINTMENT

6:45 p.m. – Marion Scholarship Committee Annual Raffle

Committee chair Debra Blanchette was present with members Lora Sharpe and Jane McCarthy. Mrs. Blanchette described the work done by the Marion Scholarship/Education Fund, announced this year's scholarship recipients, and named some of the organizations and groups that have benefited from the education component of the fund. Information on making a donation was provided and the Committee thanked all contributors. The raffle prize was two tickets to a Boston Red Sox game, donated by Ms. Sharpe and her husband Jim Fogarty. After the drawing it was announced that the winning ticket belonged to Brad Wayne.

CORRESPONDENCE

Reading of the correspondence into the record was waived.

APPOINTMENT

7:00 p.m. – Marion Conservation Commission, Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission – Discussion regarding Sprague’s Cove

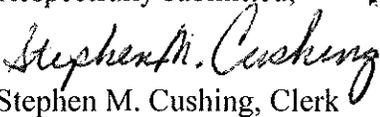
Mr. Henry announced that this was not a public hearing but an informational session for the Board of Selectmen to get recommendations from recognized expert Dr. John Teal, the Conservation Commission, and the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission in order to determine how Sprague’s Cove will be maintained in the future. Mr. Henry requested that public comment be limited to plans for future action. During the presentations and discussions that included input from Dr. Teal, John Rockwell, Bernie Taber, members of the Conservation Commission and members of the audience the following issues were addressed:

- Wetland creation vs. wetland restoration
- Phragmites (types of, damage to wetlands caused by, fire hazard of, methods of control alternative to herbicide, lack of effective natural predators)
- History and design of Sprague’s Cove
- The overgrown conditions in 2012 and corrective measures undertaken
- The request for maintenance funding that was voted down at 2014 Town Meeting
- How the ditch functioned prior to the construction in 1995
- Hydrology
- The subcommittee formed to oversee seven storm water basins under jurisdiction of MOSAC
- MOSAC’s proposal to clear out blocked pipes and leave the existing vegetation
- Mr. Rockwell’s opinion that the basin is at a 40% reduction
- Frequency of clearing required for the pipe to function
- The need for a technically acceptable maintenance program for stormwater management constructed wetlands that were built under an engineered design.
- A petition containing 162 signatures was submitted. Audience member Sandria Parsons requested that her name be removed from the petition.

After discussion the selectmen agreed to take the information and recommendations under advisement.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: September 16, 2014

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – August 18, 2014**

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Resume – John Teal, Ph.D.

Conservation Commission Power Point presentation regarding Sprague's Cove

Memo, resumes submitted by MOSAC

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for appointment to ZBA – Edwin (Ted) North

Letter from Mass. Dept. of Communications & Cable regarding license expiration notice

Water Abatement Request – 49 Joanne Drive