

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson
Stephen Cushing

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Robert Raymond
Priscilla Ditchfield
Meg Steinberg
Shaun Cormier
Thomas McLaughlin
Ted North
Michelle Ouellette
Carol Sanz
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town House conference room. Mr. Dickerson 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 will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2014

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

APPOINTMENTS

7:05 p.m. – Town House Building Committee

Committee Chairman Bob Raymond was present with members Priscilla Ditchfield and Meg Steinberg and also Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier. Mr. Raymond submitted three conceptual drawings that included existing conditions, Scheme A (additions to the Town House and the Library, connecting the buildings), and Scheme B (additions to the Town House and the Library, with an additional, freestanding Senior Center located on the site). During the discussion the following issues were addressed:

- Whether additional buildings could be constructed on the site – Mr. Dawson said there are no encumbrances noted on the deed and there is no impediment to the use of the space of the lot.
- Open space requirements in place in the 1990's, when the Sippican School was expanded. Mr. Dawson advised that the information could be found in the office of the School Department. Mr. Cushing requested that the school records be checked to verify that there are no impediments to further construction on the site.

- Site - Sippican School, Town House, and the baseball field are located within the same lot; the library is located on a separate lot.
- Ball field – Mr. Henry said he did not support the construction of a senior center on the ball field and there are other locations for a senior center.
- Restrictions contained in the deed of the library limiting the use of the site to a free library and a natural history museum.
- Campus approach - Mr. Cushing explained that the original proposal was for a physical connection between the two buildings and there was no discussion around a standalone building. He said a separate building might be desirable to some people but not on this site. Mr. Dawson said the original discussion was limited to the Town House and subsequent discussions regarding a campus approach focused on a connector between the two buildings to include use by the Library and the Council on Aging.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to exclude Scheme B and that the focus be on, but not limited to, Scheme A. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Water abatement request – 14 Water Street

An amended application for an abatement of sewer charges was reviewed and discussed. Review of the information revealed:

- The property owner was contacted by Water Department staff, advised of a large increase in water consumption, and asked to have the irrigation system at the property checked for leaks.
- The irrigation system typically draws all of its water from a well on the property.
- It was discovered that 50% of the irrigation system was drawing from the well and 50% was accidentally drawing from the municipal water connection.
- The part of the irrigation system using municipal water had a substantial leak.
- The water was not consciously used and did not enter the municipal sewer system
- The Department of Public Works recommended the granting of an abatement of the sewer charges of \$4716.97.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent to abate the amount of \$4716.97. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request from Marion Art Center regarding 2014 Halloween Parade

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

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club, Birthday Party 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight (11/8/14)

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

Credit Memorandum – 355 Delano Road - \$5175.33 (10/14/14)

Credit Memorandum – 408 Delano Road - \$780.21 (10/14/14)

Credit Memorandum – 6 Jenney Lane - \$1189.98 (10/14/14)

Credit Memorandum – 28 Pawkechatt Way - \$609.35 (10/14/14)

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

One day all alcohol license – VFW #2425, Retirement Party 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (11/8/14)

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

Water commitment – FRMA & Final Readings - \$1156.09 (10/15/14)

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

Greater New Bedford United Way food drive request

The request is for approval to place a food donation bin in the lobby of Town Hall.

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

Requests for appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Three applications have been received; there is one vacancy for a full member and two vacancies for alternate members. The ZBA did not have a quorum at their last meeting and the members were not able to provide a recommendation. Mr. Dickerson recommended that tonight the selectmen appoint a voting member and appointment alternate members at the November 4 meeting. This would allow the ZBA to have a quorum for their upcoming meeting and make recommendations regarding alternate members.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to appoint Michelle Ouellette as full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. VOTE: 3-0-0

Discuss citizen petition for Annual Town Meeting Article

A citizen petition requesting a Special Town Meeting to consider a bylaw limiting the size of commercial and retail buildings and structures was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Dawson said there is no plan to issue a warrant for a Special Town Meeting and suggested that the Selectmen forward the petition to the Planning Board for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. He explained that the Planning Board is required to review the request, hold a public hearing, and then make a recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to forward the request to the Planning Board for inclusion at the Annual Town Meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

Application for connection to public sewer – Map 5A, Lot 142, Dexter Road

Property owner Thomas McLaughlin was present. The lot is currently vacant and was vacant at the time of the Dexter Beach sewer expansion. Mr. Dawson explained that when the sewer expansion took place the lot was in the velocity zone and it was decided at that time that sewer stubs would not be provided to vacant lots in the velocity zone. Subsequent revisions to the FEMA maps resulted in most of the lot being outside of the velocity zone. Mr. Dawson said the changes make the lot eligible for a sewer stub with the stipulation that no portion of the building or the stub be located within the velocity zone. Mr. McLaughlin described the history of the property, requested that the Board allow the connection, and asked which fees would be required in the event his request was approved. Mr. McLaughlin was told that he would be responsible for:

- All construction costs related to placing the stub and connecting to the property;
- \$10,000 entrance fee;
- I&I fee of \$220 each bedroom, with a minimum of two bedrooms;
- Hiring a contractor to perform the work.

Mr. Cushing stated that he had no problem with the request as it would have very little impact. He noted that the portion of the lot within the velocity zone was very minimal and located at the back of the property; Mr. Dickerson agreed.

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

Application for connection to public sewer – Map 15, Lot 30A, Converse Road

The application was reviewed and briefly discussed. Mr. Henry noted that four abutting residences are not connected to the sewer. The selectmen agreed to table the request to allow Mr. Dawson and Mr. Zora an opportunity to discuss how to best proceed.

Water abatement request – 2 Harnum Way

An application for an abatement of sewer charges was reviewed and discussed. Review of the information revealed:

- After the property owner contacted the Department of Public Works and questioned the most recent bill, a leaking coupling was discovered in the water pit.
- The water was not consciously used and did not enter the municipal sewer system.
- The Department of Public Works recommended the granting of an abatement of the sewer charges of \$314.39.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the sewer abatement in the amount of \$314.39. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Discussion regarding Veteran Services Officer position

Mr. Dawson has been discussing the possibility of the Town receiving its veterans' services from the district that provides those services to Mattapoisett and Rochester. Joining the district would require State approval and also a vote of approval from the district itself. The selectmen were requested to consider naming Barry Denham as the Town's interim Veterans Agent until a final decision has been made. After discussion a vote was taken to appoint Barry Denham as the interim Veteran's Agent. VOTE: 3-0-0

Update – Roadway Improvement Project

A construction progress report dated October 21 was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Holiday schedule

The 2014 holiday schedule was reviewed and discussed.

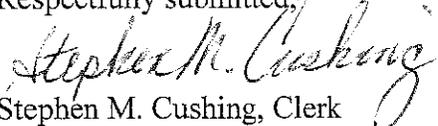
Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the holiday schedule. VOTE: 3-0-0

Date of Selectmen Holiday Party

The selectmen agreed to have the annual holiday party on December 16.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing at 8:28 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: November 4, 2014

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – October 21, 2014**

Meeting minutes – October 7, 2014
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Memo from Mr. Dawson providing Roadway Improvement Project update
Memo from Mr. Dawson regarding holiday schedule

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Eileen Marum regarding Formula Business Bylaw
Letter from Claire Perrin requesting use of Silvershell Beach for Polar Bear Plunge January 1, 2015
Letter from xfinity regarding xfinity 3D
Email from Superintendent of Schools regarding November 13 presentation of Mutualink
Copy of letter to ZBA from Danielle Engwert regarding 16 Cottage Street
Copy of letter to ZBA from Christy and Evan Dube regarding 16 Cottage Street
Letter from Town of Wareham regarding November 11 Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony
Letter from DEP regarding Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant
Letter from Rania Labranos regarding donation of bench
ABCC advisory regarding renewal of annual retail licenses
ZBA decision – 185 Wareham Street