

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson
Stephen Cushing

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Douglas Watson
Steven Bullerjahn
Mark Robinson
Ray Pickles
Catherine Gibbs
Brad Eames
Patricia DeCosta
Robert Raymond
Bill Saltonstall
Chief Lincoln Miller
Jean Perry (Wanderer)
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. 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 will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2014

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

APPOINTMENTS

7:05 p.m. – Board of Assessors Classification Hearing

Assessors Ray Pickles, Catherine Gibbs, Brad Eames and Associate Assessor Patricia DeCosta were present. Mr. Pickles told the Selectmen that the Board of Assessors recommends a factor of one, where all properties will be set at the same tax rate. He explained that 92.5% of the tax base is residential and it makes no sense to change from a factor of one. A document indicating the differences between a single rate, a 50% shift residential split rate, and a 50% shift commercial split rate for Fiscal Year 2015 was reviewed. Audience members had no comments or questions.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Request for appointment – Cemetery Commissioner

NOTE: Mr. Henry recused himself from the following discussion and left the room.

An application submitted by Joel Watters, requesting appointment as Cemetery Commissioner, was reviewed. The Commission chairman has reviewed the application and recommends the appointment.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint Joel Watters as a member of the Cemetery Commission. VOTE: 2-0-0

NOTE: Mr. Henry rejoined the meeting.

Renewals – 2015 licenses

A list of annual license renewals was reviewed. Mr. Dawson recommended that the Board approve the licenses subject to satisfaction of all obligations required of the license holders.

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

Application for Recertification – Tree City U.S.A.

The annual application was reviewed and briefly discussed.

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

Review & approve Great Hill Water Tank Construction Services Agreement – Tata & Howard

Mr. Dawson explained that the contract is for the construction services portion of the Great Hill water tank project. The funds were approved at Town Meeting and Town Counsel has reviewed the agreement.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

NOTE: Mr. Cushing recused himself and left the room.

Update - Comcast cable negotiations

Mr. Dawson told the Board that the final agreement is being negotiated and a Tri-Town Selectmen meeting is scheduled for December 15 at 7:00 p.m. to allow for public comment.

NOTE: Mr. Cushing rejoined the meeting.

Draft NPDES permit

The Town has received the draft NPDES (sewer discharge) permit. Mr. Dawson said the most startling information is that the use of the sewer lagoons will no longer be allowed and also that any sludge contamination will need to be remediated; he noted that the entire plant and system is designed around the use of the lagoons. There is a public comment period and Mr. Dawson recommended that the Board authorize a request to extend the comment period.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to adopt the recommendation of the Town Administrator. VOTE: 3-0-0

APPOINTMENT

Discussion regarding conservation restriction at 105 Allen's Point Road

Property owners Doug Watson and Stephen Bullerjahn and Wildlands Trust representative Mark Robinson were present for this discussion. The request is for Selectmen approval of a

conservation restriction (CR) on two adjoining parcels on Allen's Point Road; the CR would be held by the Wildlands Trust. Mr. Watson explained that he and his siblings are co-owners of the property and they plan to sell a portion of it to abutter Stephen Bullerjahn, who would add it to his property at 105 Allen's Point Road. The following issues were included in the discussion: Public access, potential positive and negative impacts to the public, buildable or non-buildable status of the property, and tax ramifications to the Town in lost tax revenue. Conservation Commission chairman Norman Hills and Sippican Lands Trust member Chris Bryant spoke in support of the CR. The Selectmen agreed to take the request under advisement and consider it at a future meeting.

APPOINTMENT

Town House Building Committee

Mr. Raymond and Mr. Saltonstall submitted an RFQ to be issued in January and also a press release announcing the RFQ. Mr. Dawson noted that the schedule is realistic, it will be easy to meet, and the RFQ itself was very well done.

APPOINTMENT

Chief Miller – Discussion regarding mutual aid agreements

In 2003 the Town adopted M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8G, allowing mutual aid agreements between municipalities; at that time the Board of Selectmen granted Chief Miller signatory authority to enter into mutual aid agreements. Chief Miller is requesting signatory authority from the current Board as some of the agreements are being revised.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update – Roadway Improvement Projects

A memo providing a status update of the Roadway Improvement Projects and also the Phase 1A Capital Improvement Project was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Update – Veterans Service Council

The Veterans Service Council has voted to admit Marion and is finalizing the budget items. The Council typically meets once or twice a year, with each town represented by a selectman or designee.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint Chairman Henry to represent Marion on the Veterans Service Council. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water lien list

The water lien list will be in Mr. Dawson's office tomorrow.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize Mr. Dawson and Mr. Dickerson to sign the water lien list. VOTE: 3-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

#12 – Letter of resignation – Music Hall coordinator

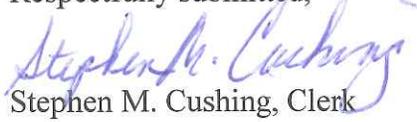
It was agreed that Mrs. O'Brien will be sent a letter of thanks for her years of service.

Email from Bay Watch Development

The email was received late this afternoon and will be discussed at the next meeting.

At 8:26 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to collective bargaining. The Board will not be returning to Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: December 30, 2014

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**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – December 9, 2014**

Meeting minutes – November 18, 2014
Public Hearing Notice – Board of Assessors Classification Hearing
Conservation Restriction proposed for 105 Allen’s Point Road
RFQ and press release – Architectural services for Town House
Request for appointment to Cemetery Commission – Joel Watters
List – 2015 license renewals
Tree City U.S.A. recertification application
Great Hill Water Tank Construction Services Agreement
Draft NPDES permit
Memo – Roadway improvements update
ZBA request for comments – 14 Bayview Road
Letter from MACC regarding J. Doubrava’s completion of Conservation Commission training program
ZBA request for comments – 17 Hiller Street
Letter from Comcast regarding price adjustments (11/18/14)
Plymouth County Mosquito Control notice of public meeting
Plymouth County Mosquito Control declaration of support or no support – FY2016 funding
Letter from Comcast regarding free Internet service to schools and library
Memo from Music Hall Advisory Committee regarding purchase of entrance mats
Letter from National Grid regarding natural gas safety information
Letter from United Way of Greater New Bedford regarding recent food drive
ZBA request for comments – Map 21, Lot 17, County Road
Letter of resignation – Music Hall coordinator
Request for extension of aquaculture permit – Bryant Brothers Shellfish Company, Inc., formerly Greenport Consulting, Inc.
Agenda – Planning Board – 12/1/14
Agenda – Planning Board Subcommittee - 12/1/14