

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson
Stephen Cushing

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Robert Shorter, Beverly Yacht Club
Jean Perry (Wanderer)
John Garcia (Standard Times)
Debra Paiva, secretary
Other members of the audience who did not sign in

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dickerson announced that the meeting would be video recorded and televised by ORCTV, audio recorded by Town of Marion staff, and audio recorded by Standard Times staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2015

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

NOTE: Mr. Henry joined the meeting at this time.

APPOINTMENT

7:05 p.m. – Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission – Discussion regarding Goldovitz Bog

This appointment has been rescheduled to the next meeting.

7:25 p.m. – Beverly Yacht Club – Request for approval of club officers, request to change manager

Mr. Dawson explained that two actions are required, first the approval of club officers and then the approval of the new manager.

ABCC regulations require local and State approval of club directors; the application and associated materials were reviewed and briefly discussed. The application, dated May 4, 2015, listed the following individuals as club directors: Lawrence Hall, Daniel Cooney, James Shachoy, and Dana Nilson.

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

Manager Robert Wayne Shorter was present to discuss the petition to change managers. Mr. Shorter recently moved to Fitchburg and is planning to move closer to Marion. He has been a country club manager on the West Coast since 1990 and this is the sixth club he has managed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the management change requested by the Beverly Yacht Club. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Water Abatement Request – 72 Main Street

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

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

- The high water consumption was the result of a burst pipe in the basement of the dwelling.
- The home was unoccupied when the pipe burst and the leak occurred over a five day period of time (February 19, 2015 – February 24, 2015)
- 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 \$2553.89.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the sewer abatement at 72 Main Street. VOTE: 2-0-0

NOTE: Mr. Henry joined the meeting after the vote was taken.

Water Abatement Request – 51 Mill Street

An application for an abatement of sewer charges was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Dawson reminded the selectmen that this request is the second of two and it is due to one leak that crossed over two billing cycles. Review of the information revealed:

- The increased water consumption was caused by a leaking pipe.
- The approximate start date of the leak was October 23, 2014; the leak was discovered and repaired on December 30, 2014.
- 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 \$243.96.

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

Request to carry over vacation time to FY2016 – Treasurer/Collector

Mr. Carreiro is requesting to carry over five vacation days from FY15 to FY16.

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

One day alcohol license – VFW #2425, chicken barbecue 12 noon – 5:00 p.m. (5/17/15)

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

One day alcohol license – VFW #2425, barbecue 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (5/23/15)

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update – Fire Chief search

Mr. Dawson told the selectmen that 49 resumes were received for the fire chief position; the initial review committee has met and considered all of the resumes. Preliminary interviews are being scheduled and he hopes to submit a list of finalists to the selectmen at their May 19 meeting. The two fire chiefs have participated in similar reviews for other towns and they told Mr. Dawson and Mr. Dickerson that they had never seen a stronger pool of applicants.

Update – Music Hall coordinator search

Nine resumes were received; the Facilities Manager and at least one member of the Music Hall Advisory Committee will be conducting interviews. Mr. Dawson expects to have a recommendation for the Board to make an appointment at the next meeting.

Update – Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be Monday, May 11, at 6:45 p.m. at the Sippican School.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

#5 – Email from Silas Howland regarding service provided by DPW staff

An email thanking Diane Carvalho and other members of the DPW staff for providing a high level of service was read into the record.

#6 – Copy of letter from Rochester selectmen to Mass DOT regarding County Road

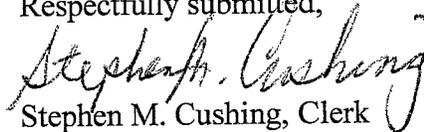
Mr. Henry suggested that the Board send a similar letter.

#7 – Letter from C. Shachoy regarding water service at 18 South Street

This will be an action item at the May 19 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken at 7:40 p.m. for the Board to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to collective bargaining and also for contract negotiations with non-Union personnel. The Board will not be returning to regular session after the Executive Session. The vote was unanimous, with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: May 19, 2015

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**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – May 5, 2015**

Meeting minutes – April 21, 2015

Beverly Yacht Club petition to ABCC for approval of club officers

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Letter from Jean DaSilva regarding Feast of St. Anthony (June 14)

Tabor Academy request to extend outside entertainment time (June 6, 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.)

Copy of letter from Building Commissioner regarding 58 Converse Road

Letter from Rodney Hunt regarding 2015 Memorial Day Parade & Observances

Email from Silas Howland regarding service provided by DPW staff

Copy of letter from Rochester selectmen to MassDOT regarding County Road

Letter from C. Shachoy regarding water service at 18 South Street

Email from Music Hall Advisory Committee regarding Reading Room ceiling fan

Meeting agenda – Planning Board (5/4/15)