

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Cushing, Chairman
Jonathan Henry
Jonathan Dickerson

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Shaun Cormier
Christina Bascom
Sean Lamoureux
Rob Zora
John Garcia (Standard Times)
Andrew Roiter (Wanderer)
Christine Reagle (Sentinel)
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)
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. Cushing announced that the meeting would be video recorded and televised by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff, Standard Times, and the Wanderer. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2015

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

APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 p.m. – Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier, Music Hall Advisory Committee (MHAC) members – Discussion regarding Music Hall Coordinator compensation

Mr. Cormier and MHAC member Sean Lamoureux were present to request authorization to pay the Music Hall Coordinator an additional \$2 per hour (from \$18 to \$20 per hour). Mr. Cormier explained that the increased hourly rate would cost an additional \$60 per month, or \$720 per year. The Music Hall Advisory Committee approved the request last week. Mr. Cormier explained the method used to determine the salary for the position.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to pay an additional \$2 per hour. VOTE: 3-0-0

7:10 p.m. – Harbormaster Michael Cormier – Request appointment of Peter Bourgault

Mr. Cormier and Mr. Bourgault were present to discuss the request. Mr. Bourgault served on the Coast Guard for 20 years; the request is for his appointment as a part-time Deputy Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to appoint Peter Bourgault as a part-time Harbormaster. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

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

The Board discussed a letter received from Chris Shachoy regarding the water service at 18 South Street; Mr. Dawson explained that several issues are contained in the letter.

Water Pressure

Mr. Dawson provided the following information:

- At the last meeting the Board authorized the consulting engineers to conduct water pressure studies at 16 South Street and 18 South Street to determine the sudden change in pressure referenced in Mr. Shachoy's letter.
- Some static pressure measurements in the area were taken
- In order to gauge pressure, measurements needed to be taken in both of the houses
- It was impossible to do a pressure test at 16 South Street as there are no fixtures in the house and there is no draw on the water service.
- The planned irrigation system will be tied into its own well and will not have an impact on the pressure
- During the inspection an attempt was made to determine the source of the significant drop in pressure referenced in Mr. Shachoy's letter and a ball valve in the basement was found halfway closed.
- When the plumbing inspector opened the ball valve he heard the rush of water and Mr. Shachoy commented at the time that the water pressure now seemed to be back to its baseline.
- The static pressure determined that day was 60 psi; the State residential standard is 35 psi

Delivery of water service to two separate properties

Mr. Dawson provided the following information:

- The water service at the site is new, with one water service that t's off into each house,
- Each house has its own meter and shut off
- It's the Town's discretion how to deliver the service
- In order to gain historical perspective, a previous resident of the house was able to look through her records and provide deeds
- It appears that the property was subdivided into two separate lots in 1966.
- The site plan designed by Mr. Shachoy's engineer shows one service entering the property and separating into two lines serving each residence.
- Static pressure test results were 60 psi; state residential standard is 35 psi

Mr. Zora provided the following information:

- When the project was done in 2009 there was one service shown on the plan and that was what was tied into (changed out with a new stop and box)
- The DPW was not aware that 16 South Street was not tied into the service until this winter, when they were asked to turn the water on for heat. In 2007 the house was used for storage and a basic water and sewer charge was paid
- In order to tie in the rear house, DPW staff went from the main stop at the front house, found the line to the rear house, cut in a stop, and tied the two in. There is a separate line to each house, a separate stop at each house, and a main stop at the street.
- Years ago there were two meters at the main house basement and it was always thought that there was one service.
- Instead of opening the street last winter to provide heat, the DPW tied 16 South Street in and found the pressure to be fine
- The DPW is going forward with Tata & Howard to prove that this is sufficient to service both properties.
- Other locations in town have water provided by one service that splits off to more than one home.

After discussion it was agreed that there was no compelling reason to tear up the street. When the construction work is complete the pressure test will be finished and a decision will be made at that time.

Road Water abatement request – 10 Inland Road

An application for abatement of the \$1002.60 charge to repair the grinder pump located at 10 Inland Road was reviewed and discussed.

Review of the information revealed the following:

- On March 19, 2015 the grinder pump alarm sounded. The Department of Public Works dispatched an employee to investigate and upon inspection of the grinder pump, a technician from FR Mahoney was sent to the property.
- It was determined that the pump had been damaged from groundwater entering the unit.
- The cover to the pump well was loose and it was missing bolts.
- It cannot be absolutely determined who did not properly cover the pump well.
- The loose cover may not necessarily have been the cause of the damage.
- The Department of Public Works recommended the granting of an abatement of the repair charges of \$1002.60.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the abatement. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals – Kathleen Mahoney

Mr. Dawson requested that the selectmen wait to act on the application until the Zoning Board of Appeals members have had an opportunity to meet with Ms. Mahoney and make a recommendation.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to table the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals – Joanna Wheeler

An application for appointment, and a memo from the Board of Appeals recommending that Ms. Wheeler be appointed as an alternate member, was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the application. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water Commitment – final readings & misc. bill - \$731.47 (5/19/15)

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

Approve and execute contract – CDM Smith Facilities Plan Amendment

Mr. Dawson explained that the \$95,000 contract is for ongoing work related to the draft NPDES permit. The contract will be paid for with funds that the Finance Committee transferred from the sewer reserve fund and also with funds from the sewer department budget. The scope of work includes assessing current and future conditions of the plant, identifying wastewater needs and problems and providing an alternatives analysis.

Last week Mr. Dawson attended a meeting at the New Bedford Wastewater Treatment Plant. The DEP Commissioner was in attendance and the purpose of the meeting was to provide information regarding the NPDES permit process in other communities.

Recently Mr. Dawson, Mr. Henry, and representatives from area towns met with Lt. Governor Polito to discuss some of the issues local officials are facing. Since that meeting, Mr. Dawson has received communication from the Governor’s office indicating a willingness to work on the Town’s issues with the NPDES permit. CDM Smith is in the process of putting together information for the Governor’s office.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the contract as proposed by CDM Smith with the additional proviso that Mr. Dawson be designated owner’s representative as outlined in Section 3.2. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update – Bike Path

Mr. Dawson recently met with members of the Pathways Committee, representatives from SRPEDD, and MassDOT officials. He was informed that the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 statewide transportation program includes approximately \$3.4 million in funding for the construction of the Marion Bike Path. The construction will be from the Mattapoisett/Marion town line to Point Road.

Update – Fire Chief search

The preliminary search process is complete and the selectmen will be interviewing six of the candidates. The interviews will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, and at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. The roster will not be announced until the beginning of the June 4 interviews.

Summer meeting schedule

A memo from Mr. Dawson, dated June 2, was reviewed and briefly discussed. It was agreed that the selectmen would meet on July 7, August 4, and August 18; the meetings will be held at the police station.

Discussion – Outstanding water bill – 4 Hathaway Pond Circle, Rochester

Mr. Dawson explained that the bill for 4 Hathaway Pond Circle had been outstanding for a length of time due to the death of the homeowner. The water was turned off, base charges were applied, a lien was filed with registry of deeds, and very recently the property was bought at an auction. The buyer’s attorney is proposing that the responsibilities of the new owner be limited to the charges from the date of the lien; the additional charges relative to a lien, \$842.12, will not be their responsibility. Attorney Witten has indicated that the offer is reasonable.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry that the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners accept the payment of \$2,308.37 and waive accrued costs associated with the Order of Taking for unpaid water charges associated with 4 Hathaway Pond Circle, Rochester, Massachusetts and, in so doing, further waive an additional \$30.06 of interest charges accrued between March 6, 2015, the date of the taking and June 2, 2015.

I further move that in so accepting said payment, the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners authorize the recording of a release of the lien filed against the above noted property on March 17, 2015. VOTE: 3-0-0

Vacation

Mr. Dawson told the Board that he will be on vacation next week; he will be present at the June 9 interviews.

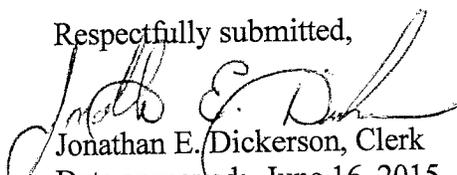
CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence item was briefly discussed:

#10 – Letter from Rodney Hunt regarding Fourth of July parade

A roll call vote was taken at 8:17 p.m. for the Board to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to collective bargaining. The Board will not be returning to regular session after the Executive Session. The vote was unanimous, with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan E. Dickerson, Clerk
Date approved: June 16, 2015

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Copy of letter from Building Commissioner regarding 433 Front Street

Request for appointment to COA – G. Pina

City & Town – May 21, 2015

Email from MMA regarding FY2016 State budget

Email from DOR regarding FY2016 Local Aid estimates

Street closure request – First Congregational Church Summer Fair, Saturday, July 25

Email from MMA regarding upcoming MSA regional meeting, June 18

Email from Wareham selectman Alan Slavin regarding recent meeting with Lt. Governor

ZBA request for comments – 16 Cottage Street

Letter from Rodney Hunt regarding Fourth of July parade

OTHER BOARDS

Meeting minutes – Upper Cape School District Committee (4/9/15)

Board reorganization memo – Planning Board

Meeting agenda – Planning Board (6/1/15)