

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Cushing, Chairman
Jonathan Henry
Jonathan Dickerson

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Chief Lincoln Miller
Lt. John Garcia
Patrol Officer Karen Ballinger
Sergeant Jeff Tripp
John Garcia (Standard Times)
Mary Lou Newell (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 and by the Standard Times. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2015

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

APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 p.m. – Chief Miller – Police Department accreditation update

Chief Miller was present with Lieutenant John Garcia, Officer Karen Ballinger, and Sergeant Jeff Tripp to announce that the Marion Police Department has been awarded state accreditation, 1 of 4 in Plymouth County and 1 of 58 in the state of Massachusetts. Chief Miller thanked Lt. Garcia, accreditation manager, and Officer Ballinger, a certified assessor, for their efforts, and the entire department for working toward accreditation and getting to this level. He also thanked the selectmen and Mr. Dawson for their support of the Police Department throughout the years and said the accreditation is a great honor for the police department and for the town.

The process required to achieve the three year accreditation status was described and discussed; in 2018 the department will have to go through the process again to renew the accreditation.

ACTION ITEMS

Request for appointment to Council on Aging – George Pina

The Board reviewed Mr. Pina's application; the director of the COA recommends his appointment.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the appointment of George A. Pina to the Council on Aging. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for appointment to Music Hall Advisory Committee – Casey Quirk

Request for appointment to Music Hall Advisory Committee – Clare Healy Foley

Requests for appointment to the Music Hall Advisory Committee (MHAC), submitted by Casey Quirk and by Clare Healy Foley, were reviewed and briefly discussed; the MHAC has previously submitted a recommendation that they both be appointed.

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

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

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

Execute Energy Related Services Agreement – Electricity Aggregation

A contract with Good Energy related to the Electricity Aggregation Program was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Dawson explained that Good Energy is the firm competitively selected by SRPEDD to represent the SRPEDD communities through this process. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the Energy services agreement and also to authorize the chairman to sign the contract. VOTE: 3-0-0

Reappointments

A list of appointed staff and officials, dated June 16, 2015, and a list of police department staff, dated June 1, 2015, were reviewed.

Also reviewed and discussed were requests to change the status of Conservation Commission members (Lawrence Dorman to associate member, Cynthia Trinidad to regular member). Commission chairman Norman Hills recommends that the selectmen approve the requests.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the recommendation of the chairman, Norman Hills, to switch Mr. Dorman’s appointment with that of Cynthia Trinidad. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the list of appointed officials, dated June 16, 2015. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the police department list as forwarded by Chief Lincoln Miller. VOTE: 3-0-0

1 day all alcohol license – VFW #2425, Birthday Party 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (6/27/15)

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

Approve and execute collective bargaining agreement between the town and Marion Town Employees’ Association

The selectmen reviewed and discussed the contract and side letter negotiated between the Town and the Town Employees’ Association. Mr. Dawson explained that the contract contained a standard 2% raise for employees, \$75 longevity payment, and step reclassifications. It has been reviewed by Town Counsel, the attorney for the Union, and it has been signed by the employees’ association.

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

Water commitment – final readings & misc. run - \$4299.83 (6/11/15)

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

Water commitment – new services - \$725 (6/11/15)

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

Discussion and vote – cable license (Comcast)

NOTE: Mr. Cushing recused himself, turned the meeting over to Mr. Henry, and left the room.

Mr. Dawson said the highlights of the 10 year contract include an increase in the PEG (public, education, government) access funding, two 2 additional years for ORCTV capital projects, continued cable connection to public buildings at no charge, and a side letter agreeing to a

modest senior discount based on income eligibility. Mr. Dawson told the Board that considerable effort was spent trying to negotiate a larger discount but Comcast offers one standard discount across the country and would not budge.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry that the Board of Selectmen, as cable television license Issuing Authority, vote as follows:

1. To grant the subject Cable Television Renewal License, with an effective date of June 16, 2015, to Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc. ("Comcast"). All terms and conditions contained in this Renewal License have been agreed to by Comcast. Comcast, by and through its authorized representative, will execute this Renewal License (Agreement) as set out on the Signature Page of the Renewal License.
2. To recognize and acknowledge the following side letter from Comcast: Senior Discount/Education Connections Program. VOTE: 2-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

NOTE: Mr. Cushing entered the room and joined the meeting.

Update – Fire Chief search

Mr. Dawson announced that he met with Mr. Jakvony and discussed an employment contract; he anticipates that Mr. Jakvony's first day as Fire Chief will be July 1.

Electricity Aggregation Program – next steps

An outline of the Aggregation Program was read into the record and the following information was announced: Aggregation documents will be placed on the Town website on June 17 and will also be available at the Town House. The two week period to submit written comments will be from June 17 to July 2. A public meeting, allowing an opportunity to offer oral input, will be held on July 7.

Update – Great Hill Water Tank project

A memo dated June 16, summarizing construction activities at the Great Hill Water Tank construction site, was read into the record. Mr. Henry asked if a site visit could be scheduled; Mr. Dawson said he would contact the engineers and schedule a visit.

Discussion – Swearing in of Fire Chief

The selectmen discussed dates to hold a swearing in ceremony for incoming Fire Chief Brian Jakvony.

Town House Building Committee public meeting

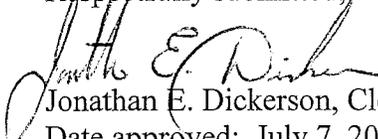
Mr. Dawson announced that the Town House Building Committee will hold a public meeting at the Music Hall on June 23, at 7:00 p.m.; residents were encouraged to attend and provide input.

July 7 meeting

Mr. Dawson reminded the selectmen that the July 7 meeting will be at the police station.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 7:58 p.m. for the Board to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to contract negotiations with non-Union personnel and also strategy related to contract negotiations with Union personnel (collective bargaining). The Board will not be returning to regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan E. Dickerson, Clerk
Date approved: July 7, 2015

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – June 16, 2015**

Meeting minutes – June 2, 2015

Letter awarding Marion Policing Department state accreditation

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Reappointment list dated June 16, 2015

Police Department reappointment list dated June 1, 2015

Two memos and 2 requests regarding change of status for Conservation Commission members Lawrence Dorman and Cynthia Trinidad

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Electricity Aggregation Program outline

Memo dated June 16, 2015 – Great Hill Water Tank Construction status update

DMF notification of shellfishing status – Lower River

DMF notification of shellfishing status – Sippican Inner Harbor

Music Hall Advisory Committee recommendation for up-front expenses – October 2015 event

CORRESPONDENCE

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OTHER BOARDS

Reorganization of Board of Assessors

ConCom legal notice – Notice of Intent - Bird Island Ecological Restoration Project

Agenda – Town House Building Committee (6/11/15)

Agenda – Planning Board (6/15/15)