

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jonathan Dickerson, Chairman  
Stephen Cushing  
Stephen Gonsalves

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Robert Raymond  
Jay Pateakos  
David Pierce  
Jennifer Francis  
Shaun Cormier, Facilities Manager  
Chief Lincoln Miller  
John Garcia, Standard Times  
Christine Reagle, Marion Sentinel  
Marilou Newell, Wanderer  
Tanner Harding, Sippican Week  
Debra Paiva, secretary  
Others who did not sign in

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station conference room. Mr. Dickerson announced that the meeting would be video recorded by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff and Standard Times staff.

**Approval of meeting minutes – July 12, 2016**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Request for appointment to Conservation Commission – Shaun Walsh**

The request for appointment as an Associate Member was reviewed; the chairman of the Commission has submitted an email recommending the appointment.

Moved by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mr. Cushing to Shaun Walsh as an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Sign 2016 State Primary Warrant**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the 2016 State Primary Warrant. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water/Sewer Commitment – final readings - \$1261.72 (7/18/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

**One day alcohol license – Marion Social Club – birthday party 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (8/6/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

**One day alcohol license – Marion Social Club – birthday party 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (8/13/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

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Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

**One day alcohol license – Marion Social Club (on Town House lawn) – Town Party 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (8/27/16 – rain date 8/28/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

**One day alcohol license – Toast of the Coast Food & Wine Tasting at the Music Hall 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (9/30/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water/Sewer Commitment – final readings - \$954.78 (7/22/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water/Sewer Commitment – new services - \$750 (7/22/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Approve and accept Assistance to Firefighters grant**

Mr. Dawson has been notified that the Fire Department has applied for and been awarded a FEMA/Assistance to Firefighters grant totaling \$85,496; the Federal share is \$81,425 and the Town share is \$4071. The program requires a vote of the selectmen to accept the funds, which will be used to install a new ventilation system and fire alarm system at Station 1. Funds for the work were approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting and the grant will result in a considerable savings to the Town. Mr. Dickerson requested that Mr. Dawson thank Chief Jackvony for his efforts on behalf of the selectmen and the residents.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to accept the Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of \$85,496. VOTE: 3-0-0

**One day alcohol license – Michael Sudofsky, Captain Hadley House commemoration at 345 Front Street 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (8/23/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

**One day all alcohol license – Tri-Town Unified Recreational Facilities, Inc. Fundraiser at the Music Hall 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (8/13/16)**

Moved by Mr. Gonsalves and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

**APPOINTMENT**

**7:05 p.m. – Marion Scholarship Committee Raffle Drawing**

Committee chair Debra Watson was present with members Lora Sharpe and Jane McCarthy. Mrs. Watson described the work done by the Marion Scholarship/Education Fund, announced last year's scholarship recipients, and named some of the organizations and groups that have benefited from the education component of the fund. For the first time since the committee's 1994 inception, no scholarship was awarded this year as the scholarship portion of the fund has been depleted. In an effort to replenish the fund members of the committee sold raffle tickets; the prize was three tickets to a Boston Red Sox game, donated by Ms. Sharpe and her husband Jim Fogarty. After the drawing it was announced that the winning ticket belonged to Dave Ellis.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Police Department request to keep vehicle**

Mr. Dawson explained that the purchase of a new police cruiser is included in this year's budget; Chief Miller is requesting approval to keep the oldest vehicle for police department use as a spare car rather than transferring it to another department.

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

### **Request regarding use of Washburn Park**

A letter from A.I.S. Observers, Inc. was reviewed and discussed; the request is for permission to serve beer and wine during a company picnic celebration at Washburn Park on August 12. The Recreation Department has approved the event taking place at the park and a general liability certificate will be provided.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the request of A.I.S. Observers, Inc. to have their company picnic celebration at Washburn Park and to serve beer and wine. Approval is subject to A.I.S. Observers, Inc. providing a copy of a liability certificate naming the Town of Marion an additional insured party. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **Discussion regarding letter from Wayne Pina regarding donation of property (0 Point Road, Parcel ID 0011-00098)**

Mr. Dawson explained that the property is a landlocked parcel off of Point Road that the MOSAC might be interested in. It was agreed to table this item to the next meeting after MOSAC has had an opportunity to review the letter.

## **APPOINTMENT**

### **Board of Library Trustees – Discussion regarding renovations at Library**

Library trustees Jay Pateakos and Bob Raymond were present to discuss a project to make the front entrance of the library compliant with ADA requirements. Mr. Raymond submitted drawings showing three options and explained that the request is for selectmen approval to proceed with a study and a proper donor package with designs with a goal for a donor to fund the project. Mr. Pateakos informed the selectmen that the trustees have expansion funds that will be used for the costs of the study and design package. Mr. Dawson explained that before any action is taken the finished design package would need to be reviewed by the selectmen and made available for public input.

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

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **Update – New fire engine and ambulance**

The new fire engine is in North Attleboro having customization work done and is expected to be in service within the next few weeks. The new ambulance will be delivered to North Attleboro for customization work tomorrow.

### **Update – Future Generation Wind Project**

Mr. Dawson informed the selectmen that all of the turbines will be up and operational this week. Eversource has chosen to issue annual cash payments to the town in place of net metering credits; this year's payment is expected to be approximately \$80,000 and it is anticipated that the payments will increase over the 20 year contract.

The Marion Energy Management Committee has submitted a proposal that half of the payments be used to create an energy efficiency fund for specific energy-related purposes; Mr. Dawson said he has been considering that half of the payments be used to fund the Town's OPEB fund. It was agreed that the discussions will move forward.

### **Update – Verizon cable contract and appointment of counsel**

Mr. Dawson told selectmen that the Verizon contract is due to expire at the end of the month. He recently met with representatives from Rochester and Mattapoisett and it was agreed to ask for the appointment of William Hewitt of Kopelman & Paige to serve as special counsel to represent the three towns during negotiations for the new permit.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to appoint William Hewitt to serve as special counsel during negotiations for the Verizon cable contract. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **Discussion regarding date for Fall Special Town Meeting**

It was agreed that the Fall Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to hold the Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 24, at 6:45 p.m. at the Sippican School multipurpose room. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **Buzzards Bay Municipal mini-grant**

Mr. Dawson announced that the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission has applied for and been approved for a grant in the amount of \$10,924 to finish the Grassi Bog project. Mr. Dickerson noted that the process has been long and thanked the neighbors for their patience.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by to accept the grant and also to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Town of Marion. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **Assignment of electric vehicles**

Mr. Dawson said that three new electric vehicles have been delivered; the Regional Health District has applied for an electric car for the Health Director to use on a full time basis during her work hours in Rochester and Marion. After discussion it was agreed that the cars will be assigned to the Department of Public Works, the Council on Aging, and the Building Commissioner.

### **Police Station siding replacement**

Mr. Dawson announced that beginning next Monday the siding at the police station will be replaced under the warranty agreement; there will be no cost to the Town.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

#13 – Letter from Robert and Linda Lane regarding parking on Point Road.

**OTHER**

Mr. Gonsalves asked about the problems Comcast has experienced broadcasting meetings live; Mr. Dawson has been informed by a government relations representative that the problems are due to an ongoing issue between Comcast and ORCTV regarding equipment. Mr. Dawson said he has been working to get the issue resolved but under the terms of the licensing agreement Comcast has two years from the signing of the contract to replace the equipment.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves at 8:04 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and also strategy related to litigation. The Board will not be entering into regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk  
Date approved: August 16, 2016

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – August 2, 2016**

Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2016

Plans showing proposed renovations at library

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Request for appointment to Capital Improvements Planning Committee – Steve Nojeim

Memo from Conservation Commission requesting that Associate Member Kristen St. Don–Campbell be appointed Full Member

Letter from Comcast regarding set-top boxes

Copy of special permit issued to Town of Marion for transplanting contaminated shellfish

Memo from Alewives Anonymous, Inc. regarding 2016 herring counts

Notice of waterways application – 468 Point Road

Water/Sewer abatement request – 547 Front Street

Water/Sewer abatement request – 10 Doran Way

Water/Sewer abatement request – 8 Ridgewood Lane

Information regarding Little Free Library

Letter from Joanne Mahoney regarding appointment of Council on Aging affiliate member

Conservation Commission legal notice – 40 Joanne Drive

Letter from Robert & Linda Lane regarding parking on Point Road

Letter from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding B-120 contaminated quahog transplant

**OTHER BOARDS**

Conservation Commission reorganization memo

Meeting agenda - Planning Board (7/18/16)

Meeting minutes - Upper Cape School Committee (6/9/16)

Meeting minutes – CIPC (7/7/16)