

**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
Marion Town House
Main Conference Room
2 Spring Street
August 1, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Lane, Chairman
Steve Kokkins, Vice Chairman
Eileen Marum, Clerk
Jennifer Francis
Mike Popitz (Note arrived at 7:02)
Will Saltonstall
Steve Gonsalves

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

BOARD ASSISTANT: Terri Santos

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Hopkins

Commencement – Chairman Lane called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Clerk Marum to approve the minutes of June 20, 2016, seconded by Member Gonsalves.

VOTE: 6-0-0 (Note Member Popitz had not arrived yet)

Community Outreach (15 Minutes)

No issues brought before the board

Correspondence

Conservation Commission Reorganization Memo dated July 14, 2016

Fall Town Meeting – No meeting scheduled yet.

SRPEDD Meeting – Clerk Marum discussed the SRPEDD Board of Commissioners Meeting dated July 27, 2016 concerning two options for proposed changes to the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO).

1. Dissolve the existing SMMPO and form MPOs designated for Barnstable, Boston, New Bedford and Providence. Under the change, Marion would be affiliated with the newly formed Barnstable MPO.

2. If the size and complexity of a planning area is such that the SMMPO is maintained as a single entity, the Long Range Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would be developed cooperatively for each of the planning areas of Barnstable, Boston, New Bedford and Providence.

Clean Energy – Chairman Lane noted that he visited the Tucker Lane solar project and observed that the foliage/shrubbery had not been positioned. Member Popitz indicated that the contractor notified him that the foliage was indeed ready. It was noted the building commissioner must sign off that all the foliage deliverables were met according to the project's scope.

Chairman Lane distributed a cover letter, resume and plans for a potential water front compound at 78 Wareham Street. Chairman Lane asked board members to review the material as well as the waterfront compound bylaw and Special Permit bylaws.

Member Popitz distributed information from the Seaport Economic Council. It was decided that Member Popitz would work with Mr. Buckland regarding grant applications.

Approval of Bills

Motion made by Member Popitz to approve the bill for mileage reimbursement to SRPEDD meeting for \$31.64, seconded by Vice Chairman Kokkins.

Master Plan – Transportation and Climate Resiliency

Chairman Lane noted that the redraft of all the comments from the Board should be done by the second half of September and will be put on the agenda as soon as available.

Member Francis noted that the Master Plan advisory groups would not get together until the end of August and the advisory committees input should be included in the redraft.

Chairman Lane explained an email from John Rockwell regarding the Open Space Survey was included in the Planning Board informational packet. After discussion it was decided that Member Francis would draft a memo from the Planning Board/Master Plan Committee to the Open Space Committees stating that it would be premature to send out a survey.

Chairman Lane noted that a Hazard Mitigation email from the Town Administrator Paul Dawson was distributed to the Board.

Town Planner Ken Buckland addressed the Board summarizing commentaries from Planning Board members regarding SRPEDD's Draft of the Marion Master Plan.

There was discussion about emergency management in Town and Mr. Buckland was directed to investigate the matter and how the plan is currently implemented.

The next two Master Plan elements will be discussed at the September 6th Planning Board meeting.

Since meetings are still not being televised live, the board decided that Member Gonsalves would explore when Comcast would again be broadcasting live and/or the possibility of going with another cable company. The situation is to be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion made by Member Marum to adjourn, seconded by Member Gonsalves at 8:31 p.m.

VOTE: 7-0-0

List of Documents Received:

Minutes of July 5, 2016

Conservation Commission Reorganization Memo dated July 14, 2016

Summary of the SRPEDD Board of Commissioners Meeting dated July 27, 2016

Draft Master Plan 2016

Seaport Economic Counsel Grant Application

Comments on SRPEDD Draft of Marion Master Plan, Transportation and Climate Resiliency

Hazard Mitigation memo from Paul Dawson

Note: The documents, reports, correspondences, submittals, notices and exhibits are a part of the official record along with these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Marum, Clerk