

**TOWN OF MARION  
PLANNING BOARD  
Marion Music Hall  
164 Front Street  
September 6, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rob Lane, Chairman  
Steve Kokkins, Vice Chairman  
Eileen Marum, Clerk  
Jennifer Francis  
Will Saltonstall  
Mike Popitz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve Gonsalves

**BOARD ASSISTANT:** Terri Santos

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marilou Newell, the Wanderer  
Ken Buckland  
Margie Baldwin

**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 August 1, 2016, seconded by Member Francis.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

**Community Outreach (15 Minutes) No comments.**

**Correspondence**

Reorganization of ZBA and Reorganization of Marion Affordable Housing Trust

**Old Business**

78 Wareham Road – Chairman Lane noted that he spoke with the owner and the owner anticipates returning to the Board; no definitive time has been established.

**Approval of Bills**

Motion made by Vice Chairman Kokkins to approve the bill of \$18.04 for mileage, seconded by Member Popitz.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

## **Master Plan – Discussion Open Space and Recreation, Cultural Resources**

Town Planner Ken Buckland summarized the September 5, 2016 commentaries for Planning Board members regarding SRPEDD's Draft of the Marion Master Plan.

Mr. Buckland noted that there were differing opinions on the position of a conservation agent. After discussion, it was decided that it was probably best not to have this included in the Master Plan at this time. The decision could be presented to a new group to evaluate the necessity of an agent. It was also noted that a consultant could be hired as needed.

Margie Baldwin commented that the Town of Rochester has a part time conservation agent who has been very effective in the position.

Swapping current properties at risk with current open space – it was noted that valuing land can be a complex process.

Chairman Lane noted that it would be desirable to have comments from the advisory groups by September 20<sup>th</sup>; advisory group comments and the planning board comments will be incorporated with Mr. Buckland's recommendations. It is anticipated that SRPEDD will have a revised plan by the end of October.

Another open public session will be held.

Motion made by Clerk Marum to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Kokkins at 8:40 p.m.

**VOTE: 6-0-0**

List of Documents Received:

Minutes of August 1, 2016

Commentaries from Planning Board members dated September 5, 2016

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