



MARION SELECT BOARD WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2026**

Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy L. Parker
John W. Hoagland
Norman A. Hills

ALSO PRESENT: Geoffrey Gorman, Town Administrator; Heather O'Brien, Finance Director; Donna Hemphill, Executive Assistant; Helen Westergard, 330 Wareham Road, #406; Christian Ingerslev, 20 Stoney Run Lane; Jill Pitman, 575 Front Street; Phyllis Partridge, 60 Converse Road; Diane Cosman, 19 West Avenue; Chris Latham, 94 Olde Knoll Road; Sandy & Peter Berdos, 45 Oakdale Avenue; Will Tiffit, 31 Pawkechatt; Jess Pilla, Old Rochester Regional High School; Other attendees not signed in or illegible.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mr. Parker announced that the meeting would be video recorded and posted by ORCTV. A list of the items reviewed will be attached to these minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2026** – Mr. Hoagland moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
2. **Discussion Regarding Request for Old Rochester Regional High School Road Race** – Jess Pilla is a science teacher and the Cross-Country coach at Old Rochester Regional High School (ORRHS). She explained that the Cross Country team would like to hold a road race on Saturday, September 5, 2026, to benefit the ORRHS Cross-Country program. Ms. Pilla already met with the Marion Police Chief to discuss the requirements. She has also met with Bill Tilden, who is the Race Director for the Mattapoissett Road Race. Ms. Pilla said that the funds raised will benefit the cross-county teams at the High School. She provided the Board with a map of the route which will start and end at Sippican School. There was a discussion about essential bathroom facilities. She was unsure if they would be able to request Sippican School or if they will need to provide portajons. Ms. Pilla will return to the Board with a concrete plan by mid-May 2026. Mr. Hoagland moved a vote of confidence. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0.
3. **Discussion Regarding 175th Anniversary Committee Membership** – It was noted that the Board received 11 applicants for the 7 available seats. Additionally, 6 residents that have offered to volunteer. Mr. Parker explained that since there were so many qualified applicants, a lottery would

be used to choose the committee membership. Will Tiffit withdrew his application. Mrs. Hemphill read aloud the 10 applicants' names and placed their names in a hat. Mrs. O'Brien pulled one name at a time. Melissa Kwopong, Alanna Nelson, Chris Hahn, Terri Santos, Helen Westergard, Andrea Quinones and Kellie Crete were chosen. Mrs. Hemphill explained that the hope is that the committee will form subcommittees and those not chosen at this time will be able to volunteer. Mr. Hills moved to appoint the 175th Anniversary Committee as chosen. Mr. Hoagland seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

4. **Water/Sewer Abatement Request - St. Gabriel's Parish, 30 South Street** – Mr. Hoagland moved to approve the abatement of \$3,327.50. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
5. **Update from the Water & Sewer Regulations Review Committee** – Mr. Hoagland reported that the committee is approximately 80% through the water regulations and will start the sewer regulations in the next couple of weeks.
6. **Approval of Town Clerk Job Description** – Mr. Hoagland moved to approve the job description as presented. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
7. **Discussion Regarding Funding of Solar at Department of Public Works (DPW) Building** – The Board reviewed the packet that the Emergency Management Committee provided at a prior meeting. Mr. Parker said that since the building project is under budget, the funds should be used to fund this solar project. The Board agreed. Mr. Hoagland moved to fund the solar project at the DPW building as stated. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
8. **Designation of Town Administrator Geoff Gorman to Vote at Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting on January 24, 2026** - Mr. Hoagland moved to designate Mr. Gorman as requested. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
9. **Donation from Friends of Marion Council on Aging (COA) - Commercial Grade Mixer** – Diane Cosman and Phyllis Partridge from the Friends of the Marion COA were present and read aloud a letter that described the standing mixer they are donating to the COA kitchen. Ms. Cosman noted that the mixer's retail price is \$3,511.00. Since the Friends are non-profit, Ka Tom Restaurant Supply was able to offer the mixer at a discount of \$2,040.52 including delivery. Mr. Hoagland moved to accept the donation as presented. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
10. **Reappointment of Police Officer Ashley Robbins** – Mr. Hills moved to reappoint Officer Robbins as requested. Mr. Hoagland seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
11. **Discussion Regarding Pathways Committee Letter to Division of Conservation Services** - John Rockwell joined the meeting via telephone. He explained to the Board that there are two parcels that are in the path of the Shared Use Path that are protected by Chapter 97. The Commonwealth requires the Town to replace this open space with another area of open space. Mr. Rockwell said that there are three parcels of unprotected open space that could be offered include a part of the Goldovitz Bog and the Boyd property. Town Counsel will draft a letter about a property swap. Mr. Hoagland moved to approve a vote of confidence for Mr. Rockwell to go forward with the offer. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
12. **Request for Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License - Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road on February 7, 2026 from 5:00pm to 10:30pm for a Ham and Bean Supper** - Mr. Hoagland moved to approve the Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License as requested. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

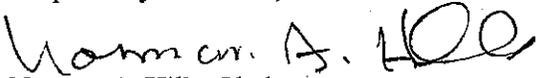
13. **Request for Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License - Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road on March 8, 2026 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm for a Chicken Bake** - Mr. Hoagland moved to approve the Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License as requested. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
14. **Request for Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License - Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road on April 12, 2026 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm for the Taste of Italy** - Mr. Hoagland moved to approve the Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License as requested. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0
15. **Water/Sewer Commitment: \$504.13, Final Readings (1/6/2026)** - Mr. Hoagland moved to approve commitment as presented. Mr. Hills seconded. VOTE 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. **Department of Public Works (DPW) Building Update** – Mr. Gorman reported that internet is being installed. The Town will host an Open House on Friday, February 13, 2026 at 1pm. Light refreshments will be served. Mr. Parker thanked DPW Director Jody Dickerson and his crew for a great job on the road during the recent storm.
2. **Town House Update** – Mr. Gorman said that the project is on track. At a previous meeting, the question of using historic hardware was mentioned. He said that they will be repurposed as much as possible.
3. **Shared Use Path Update** – The Town is finalizing the timeline and Mr. Gorman noted the good relationship the Town has with MassDOT and the engineers at Foth.
4. **Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Grant** – The Town has been awarded the Local Early and Actionable Planning (LEAP) Grant of \$97,000. This will be used for a feasibility study for the Shared Use Path from Route 6 to County Road.

At 6:46pm, Mr. Hills moved to enter into Executive Session and noted that the Board would not reconvene into regular session. Mr. Hoagland seconded. A roll call was taken, all voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Norman A. Hills, Clerk

Date approved: 2-3-2026

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12. Letter from American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 30, Regarding Negotiations Request
13. Article from Boston Globe Regarding Health Insurance Costs
14. Letter from KP Law regarding Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2027
15. 2026 List of Elected Positions and Available Seats for the May 15, 2026
16. Email from Harley Bartlett Regarding Town of Marion’s Mural Contest
17. Letter from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Regarding Programming at Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District
18. Email from Col. Arnold Briggs Regarding Sewer Application for 42 Apartments at Briggs Project on Spring Street
19. Email Regarding Silvershell Beach Kayak Racks
20. Conservation Commission Investigative Report - Mirick
21. Notice from Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regarding Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice