

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
January 17, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Roger Blanchette
Stephen Cushing, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Carol Amick
Robert Zora
Dick Giberti
Alan Minard
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Laura Pedulli (Wanderer)
Jennifer Heshion (Sippican Week)
Chris Reagle (Sentinel)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Henry announced that the meeting would be televised, video recorded by ORCTV, and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting shall be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

Carol Amick – Quelle Lane Association

Ms. Amick said the Quelle Lane Association will probably be submitting two or three articles for Town Meeting vote. The articles will be in response to MOSAC's recent attempt to purchase land located on Quelle Lane. Ms. Amick requested the Board to support the intent of the articles and submit a Selectmen-sponsored article or articles to achieve the goals. Mr. Henry explained that the Board does not engineer petitioner articles and Mr. Blanchette recommended that the Association submit their own articles. Mr. Dawson pointed out that MOSAC was created through Town Meeting vote as well as a Special Act of the State Legislature.

Shawn Syde, Robert Otoski, CDM Smith – Stormwater Presentation

Mr. Syde and Mr. Otoski were present to provide an update on the ongoing Inflow/Infiltration (I&I) program and Capital Improvements Plan.

During the presentation the following issues were addressed:

- Confirmed (44) and potential (448) inflow sources
- Current and upcoming dye testing
- Impact of I&I – (annual cost to Town minimum of \$90,000, violations to wastewater permit)
- Recent water improvements

- Ongoing and upcoming sewer improvements
- Proposed drainage improvements
- Proposed roadway improvements
- Program schedule (four phases over eight years beginning 2012, ending 2020)
- Meetings with community organizations and Town Boards
- Cost of the project (Phase I \$13.05 million, Phase II \$5.05 million, Phase III \$5.89 million, Phase IV \$3.35 million, total cost \$27.34 million, including 35% for contingencies)
- Scope of work for each phase of the project
- Opportunities for grants and loans
- Order of the work phases
- Avoiding impact on the village area during the summer months
- Working with utility companies

Alan Minard expressed confusion regarding the project and funds appropriated for similar projects and asked for documentation describing existing projects and funding. He voiced concern for the short time remaining to get the proposal finalized prior to Town Meeting. Mr. Minard announced that there will be a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee on Thursday night and encouraged the public to attend the meeting.

On an unrelated matter, Mr. Blanchette said there are three areas of Delano Road that experience flooding during rain storms. Mr. Zora explained that there is no drainage in that area and funds to install drainage are not available at this time. He agreed to take a look at it and see if there is something reasonable that can be done with funds that are in the budget.

ACTION ITEMS

Water abatement request – 28 Marion Road, Rochester, Brian Cook

Mr. Cook's property is in the Town of Rochester but serviced by the Town of Marion's water system. Last July there was a fire at the property and it was ultimately torn down. At the time of the fire water pipes in the building burst, causing additional water usage. Because of the extenuating circumstances Mr. Cook is requesting an abatement for the water used during those hours. Mr. Zora said the water could not be shut off until the morning after the fire. For the last two years water reading cards were not returned and the Water Department could not access the meter, resulting in estimated readings. Due to the estimated readings, it is impossible to calculate the amount of water that passed through the meter the night of the fire. Mr. Dawson noted that a portion of the bill could be attributed to the estimated bills being lower than the amount of water actually used during previous billing periods.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to accept the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent to deny the abatement request. VOTE: 3-0-0

Appointment to Emergency Medical Services – Dennis Enright

Chief Joyce has requested the appointment of Dennis Enright to EMS.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve Chief Joyce's recommendation. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water commitment – \$1,985,483.09 – Semiannual Water & Sewer billing (11/18/11)

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water commitment – \$8472.39 – Late bill run (11/22/11)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water commitment – \$2657.90 – Miscellaneous (01/09/12)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water commitment – \$520.54 – Final Readings (01/09/12)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Appointment of Finance Committee member to Town House Advisory Committee

The Finance Committee chairman has recommended the appointment of Karen Kevelson to the Town House Advisory Committee. Ms. Kevelson is a full voting member of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint Karen Kevelson to the Town House Advisory Committee. VOTE: 3-0-0

Approve license agreement between Town of Marion and YSI, Inc.

YSI recently donated their building to the Town; they are requesting limited occupancy of the building until the end of February.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to ratify the agreement and to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Blanchette announced that his term as selectman ends in May and he will not be seeking reelection.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Grant Writer Update

Mr. Dawson said eight to ten applications have been received. It was agreed that Mr. Dawson will screen the resumes, submit the finalists' applications for the Board to review, and schedule interviews. The interviews will be conducted in open session but not during a regular meeting.

Budget Update

The budget packets have been distributed to Boards and Committees, most of the departmental budgets have been submitted, and capital budgets are due January 27. The School Department has indicated that an increase in special education expenses is likely. Mr. Dawson said the department heads were asked to submit two budgets (one level funded and one level service.) Mr. Dawson said larger projects and maintenance and repair issues will be addressed by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee.

Music Hall Fees

The Sippican Historical Society is planning events over the next few months at the Music Hall. The events are free and open to the public; the Selectmen have been asked to waive the Music Hall fees. These requests are typically addressed by the Music Hall Advisory Committee but they are not meeting again until after the February event. The chairman of the Music Hall Advisory Committee has requested that the Selectmen vote whether to waive the fees for the February event and her committee will vote whether to waive the fees for the other dates.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to waive the fees for the February 1 event. VOTE: 3-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE:

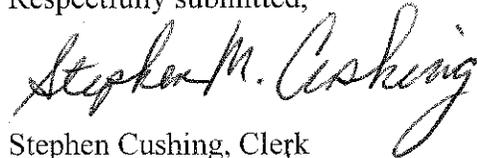
Letter regarding Fairhaven 2012 Bicentennial Ball Committee (1/5/12)

Mr. Blanchette recommended that the Board buy a full page ad for \$60 congratulating the Town of Fairhaven on their anniversary.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to buy an ad for the Town of Fairhaven's Bicentennial. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: 2/8/12

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING

Meeting minutes – January 3, 2012
CDM Capital Improvements Plan presentation
Memo from Chief Joyce requesting appointment of Dennis Enright to EMS
Water Commitment - \$1,985,483.09 (11/18/11)
Water Commitment - \$8,472.39 (11/21/11)
Water Commitment - \$2,657.90 (01/09/12)
Water Commitment - \$520.54 (01/09/12)
Email from Alan Minard indicating that Karen Kevelson will be FinCom representative to Town House Advisory Committee (01/05/12)
License agreement between Town of Marion and YSI
Water abatement request – 28 Marion Road, Rochester, Brian Cook
Email from Phyllis Washburn regarding waiver of Music Hall fees (01/17/12)
Letter regarding Fairhaven 2012 Bicentennial Ball Committee (01/05/12)
Letter from FEMA regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map (01/12/12)
Letter from Mass. DEP regarding landfill closure certification (01/11/12)
Planning Board meeting agenda (01/17/12)
Conservation Commission meeting agenda (01/25/12)
CIPC meeting agenda (01/19/12)