

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
November 6, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Cushing, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson, Clerk
Jonathan Henry (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Judith Mooney, Finance Director
Gary Carreiro, Treasurer/Collector
Patricia DeCosta, Associate Assessor
Ray Pickles, Assessor
Catherine Gibbs, Assessor
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Jennifer Heshion (Sippican Week)
Katy Fitzpatrick (The Wanderer)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cushing 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 will be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2012 and October 26, 2012 meetings. VOTE: 2-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Water commitment - \$230, Misc. Bill (7/27/12)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 2-0-0

Water commitment - \$1400, New Services (10/1/12)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 2-0-0

Water commitment - \$767.42, Misc. Sewer (10/1/12)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 2-0-0

One day all alcohol permit – Benjamin D. Cushing VFW #2425 – Spaghetti Supper - 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (11/10/12)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 2-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

Assessors' Classification Hearing

Assessors Ray Pickles and Catherine Gibbs and Associate Assessor Patricia DeCosta were present. Board members reviewed and discussed a document reflecting the differences between a single tax rate, a residential split rate, and a commercial split rate

for Fiscal Year 2013. Mr. Pickles told the Board that the Town of Marion currently is 92% residential and the Assessors recommend a single tax rate. Audience members had no comments or questions.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the recommendation of the Board of Assessors for one tax rate. VOTE: 2-0-0

NOTE: Mr. Henry joined the meeting.

Department update – Finance – Judith Mooney, Gary Carreiro, Patricia DeCosta

The following issues were discussed:

Having future Special Town Meetings prior to November

Historical financial data including tax rates and valuations, growth, operating budgets, revenue sources, State Aid (4% of Town budget), free cash, stabilization fund, existing and future debt.

OPEB Trust Fund – After a discussion of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) it was agreed that a future meeting will be held to get a better understanding of the requirements associated with the Trust Fund.

Harbormaster – Discussion regarding Buzzards Bay Regatta

Mr. Cormier was present to discuss use of a field at Silvershell Beach for parking at next August's Buzzards Bay Regatta. The Conservation Commission has visited the area, approved use of the field, and will view the site after the event. Mr. Dickerson supports the proposal and said a \$10 fee will be collected for each vehicle.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the recommendation of the Harbormaster. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water Department Rules & Regulations

Mr. Dawson said all of the comments and concerns raised by the Board at their last meeting have been incorporated into the proposed regulations. Mr. Henry said he would be in favor of permitting the installation of an additional meter, strictly for irrigation, to one service rather than the installation of an additional water service. It was agreed that Mr. Zora would be invited to attend a meeting to discuss Mr. Henry's suggestion.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson that the Water Division Rules & Regulations dated November, 2012 supersede the previous rules and regulations. VOTE: 3-0-0

Appointment – Tree & Park Committee – Jonathan Dickerson

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint Mr. Dickerson to the Tree & Park Committee. VOTE: 2-0-0

Assignment of Special Town Meeting articles

Articles S1 and S2 are CPC articles and will be presented by Mrs. Schaefer

It was agreed that Mr. Cushing will present S3, Mr. Dickerson will present S4, and Mr. Henry will present S5.

Re-sign Marion Art Center Preservation Restriction

Mr. Dawson explained that the latest iteration of the restriction has been approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and it has been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve and accept the restriction. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Hurricane Sandy update

Mr. Dawson acknowledged the hard work of the employees of the police, fire, EMS, DPW, and Harbormaster departments and thanked Emergency Management Director Chief Miller for his efforts. Chief Miller is completing the paperwork required to work to seek FEMA reimbursement should it become available.

Update - Natural History Museum Ceiling

Two bids were received, one for \$34,700 and one for \$96,000; Mr. Dawson is working with the insurance company and checking references. Due to the discrepancy between the bids a meeting is scheduled with the contractor to review the contract and verify that nothing was missed.

Update - Music Hall exterior lighting

Four bids were received, ranging from \$66,600 to \$84,560. The bids were turned over to the Music Hall Advisory Committee for their review and they will make a recommendation to the Selectmen as the project will be paid from an endowment fund. The contractors were also asked to submit add-on option pricing to light the flagpole and façade.

Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting will be held at the Sippican School on November 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Tri-Town Selectmen – schedule meeting

The meeting has been tentatively scheduled to be held November 29, 2012; Mr. Dawson is waiting to hear from the Mattapoisett Town Administrator.

Electricity Procurement update

The provider of electricity for all Town facilities, including the Sippican School, will change in December. A three contract was signed and annual savings ranging from \$42,000 to \$44,000 are anticipated for the next three years.

Meeting with Rochester Board of Selectmen

At the last meeting the Selectmen suggested a meeting with the Rochester Selectmen to discuss privilege stickers.

In the interim a letter has been received from the Rochester Town Administrator requesting a meeting of the two Boards to discuss the Regional Health District. The meeting date will be announced soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

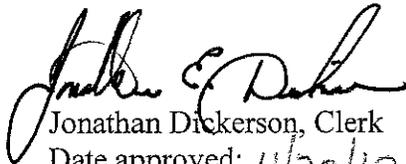
The following correspondence items were discussed and/or read into the record.

#4 – Letter from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School announcing special meeting to elect a regional representative for collective bargaining.

#10 – Memo from Fire Chief regarding October 27 motor vehicle crash involving Squad 2

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy related to contract negotiations with non-Union personnel. The Board will not be returning to regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan Dickerson, Clerk
Date approved: 11/20/12

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – November 6, 2012

Meeting minutes – October 16, 2012, October 26, 2012
Spreadsheet from Assessor entitled Fiscal Year 2013 – Single Rate vs. Split Rate
Financial information submitted by Town Accountant
Water Division Draft Rules & Regulations
Application for appointment to Tree/Park Committee – Jonathan Dickerson
Water Commitment - \$230 (7/27/12)
Water Commitment - \$1400 (10/01/12)
Water Commitment - \$767.42 (10/01/12)
One day all alcohol license – VFW (11/10/12)
Marion Art Center Preservation Restriction signature page
Letter from Rochester Town Administrator regarding Regional Health District
Announcement of annual Animal Inspector Meeting
DEP notification of application to construct concrete access planks – 222 Point Road
Tree Warden of the Year 2013 nomination form
Letter from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School announcing special meeting to elect regional representative for collective bargaining
Letter from xfinity regarding channel information (10/24/12)
Notice of Plymouth County Mosquito control annual budget presentation meeting
Planning Board request for comments – 261 Point Road (Kittansett Club)
Letter from Frank & Nancy Cerkovitz regarding conversion of Chapter 61A land at Map 5, Lot 39, Cross Neck Road (10/31/12)
Notice from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding status of shellfish areas (10/29/12)
Memo from Chief Joyce regarding October 27 motor vehicle crash involving Squad 2 (10/30/12)
Letter from Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program regarding mini-grant application (11/1/12)
Letter from Marion Business Community Association regarding Christmas Stroll
Upper Cape Regional School Committee meeting minutes (9/13/12)
Planning Board meeting agenda (11/5/12)