

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stephen Cushing, Chairman  
Jonathan Henry

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jonathan Dickerson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
John Garcia (Standard Times)  
Jean Perry (Wanderer)  
Albin Johnson  
Jeff Oakes  
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Station. Mr. Cushing announced that the meeting would be video recorded by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff and Standard Times staff.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2015, August 21, 2015, August 25, 2015**  
Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the minutes. VOTE: 2-0-0

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**7:05 p.m. Albin Johnson – Discussion regarding sewer connection for Map 6, Lot 17A, Point Road**

Board of Health member Albin Johnson was present to discuss the possibility of a sewer connection at Map 6, Lot 17A, Point Road; he noted that the lot is close to a manhole cover and it is the goal of the Board of Health to avoid having pockets of non-sewered areas in town. After discussion it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the selectmen, with Mr. Zora and Mr. Johnson in attendance. Mr. Henry said he would like to include Converse Road (from Crapo Street to just past Pleasant Street) in the conversation. Mr. Cushing voiced concern that it would have to fit into the Town's comprehensive wastewater management plan. Mr. Dawson said if this request fits the definition of an expansion there are other applicants waiting in line.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Discussion regarding request to appoint Jeff Oakes as the Town of Marion's representative to the South Coast Bikeway Alliance**

A letter was submitted by the Pathway committee recommending that Mr. Oakes be appointed Marion's representative to the South Coast Bikeway Alliance.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the appointment. VOTE: 2-0-0

**Discussion regarding appointment of selectmen representative to the Tree/Parks Committee**

This matter was raised at the last meeting but was held over until Mr. Henry was present. Mr. Dickerson has expressed interest in serving as the selectmen's representative to the committee. Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to nominate Mr. Dickerson as the selectmen representative to the Tree/Parks Committee. VOTE: 2-0-0

### **Close Special Town Meeting warrant**

The draft warrant for the October 26 Special Town Meeting was reviewed and discussed; the draft warrant contains five articles. Mr. Dawson explained that while an article requesting funding for the plowing of private roads is not included in the warrant the service will be provided and the funding will be requested next spring at a special town meeting within the annual town meeting. The Department of Public Works has completed their assessment of the roads and at their next meeting the selectmen will be provided with the results of the assessment. The following articles were contained in the warrant:

S1: Related to collection of water bills, a "housekeeping" vote that was already taken at Town Meeting

S2: Request for funding for aerial spraying in the spring of 2016 to combat moth outbreaks

S3: Request for funds (\$241,000) to purchase a new ambulance

S4: Request for funds (\$50,000) as Town's contribution toward a \$200,000 grant for sewer related improvements

S5: Request for funds (\$12,006.19) to be placed in the Facilities Department budget for costs related to the July 28 storm damage. Mr. Dawson informed the selectmen that Article S5 might be removed from the warrant as the costs might be covered under the Town's insurance coverage; he has requested that the insurance company confirm that in writing.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the articles for Special Town Meeting as written with the understanding that Article S5 may be removed. VOTE: 2-0-0

### **Request for water/sewer abatement – 15 Bass Point Road**

An application for an abatement of water/sewer charges at 15 Bass Point Road was reviewed and discussed. Review of the information revealed the following:

- The increase in water consumption was caused by a pipe that froze and burst.
- The home was unoccupied at the time of the leak.
- The leak occurred from March 11, 2015 until March 13, 2015.
- The water was not consciously used and did not enter the sewer system.
- The Department of Public Works recommended the granting of an abatement of the sewer charges of \$902.35.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the request and grant an abatement of the sewer charges of \$902.35. VOTE: 2-0-0

### **Water/sewer commitment - \$906.32 – miscellaneous, FRMA (8/19/15)**

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the commitment. VOTE: 2-0-0

### **Water/sewer commitment - \$5177.22 – final readings (8/19/15)**

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the commitment. VOTE: 2-0-0

### **Declaration of surplus property – Council on Aging van**

Mr. Dawson explained that the 2008 wheelchair accessible van has been replaced with a new vehicle purchased with a grant. The Recreation Department had expressed some interest in assuming the van and using it for summer program transportation. Mr. Cushing had some questions regarding the condition of the van and suggested that it be evaluated before adding it to the Town's fleet. It was agreed to add this to the September 22 meeting agenda.

**Credit memorandum - \$118.82, 14 Wianno Road (8/20/15)**

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the memorandum. VOTE: 2-0-0

**Water/sewer commitment - \$10,350.00 – new services (8/25/15)**

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the commitment. VOTE: 2-0-0

**Discussion regarding application for Aquaculture license – Shea Doonan**

An aquaculture license application submitted by Shea Doonan and comments submitted by the Harbormaster and Shellfish Officer were reviewed. After a brief discussion it was agreed to table this to the September 22 meeting. Mr. Cormier and Mr. Perry will be asked to attend the meeting to provide additional information regarding navigational concerns.

**Water/sewer commitment - \$1538.20 – final readings (8/27/15)**

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the commitment. VOTE: 2-0-0

**Reappointment**

Russell Tinkham has requested reappointment as constable.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the reappointment of Russell Tinkham as constable. VOTE: 2-0-0

**Proclamation – Elizabeth Taber Gala Weekend**

A proclamation declaring October 2, 3, and 4, 2015 Elizabeth Taber Gala Weekend was read into the record. Subsequent to reading the proclamation, Mr. Henry described additional examples of Mrs. Taber's generosity.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Electricity Aggregation Program**

Mr. Dawson will be in Boston tomorrow afternoon attending a public hearing held by the Department of Public Utilities on the Electricity Aggregation Program.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence items were discussed:

#4 – Resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals – Johnathan Sylvia

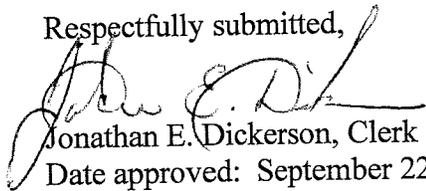
#6 – Street closure request – lower South Street, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 9/19/15, #7 – Comments from Chief Miller regarding South Street closure request

The request is to close the section of lower South Street for two hours to allow wedding guests to walk from St. Gabriel's Church to the Beverly Yacht Club. Chief Miller has provided written comments explaining that he does not believe there is a public safety need to close the road, the length of lower South Street has new sidewalks on both sides of the road, and he would not recommend the closure of the road as requested.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to not approve the closing of lower South Street. VOTE: 2-0-0

Moved at 8:05 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations with non-Union personnel. The Board will not be returning to regular session. A roll call vote was taken with both members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan E. Dickerson, Clerk

Date approved: September 22, 2015

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**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – September 8, 2015**

August 18, 2015, August 21, 2015, August 25, 2015 meeting minutes  
Request from Pathways Committee chairman that Jeff Oakes be appointed representative to South Coast Bikeway Alliance  
Draft warrant – October 26 Special Town Meeting  
Request for water/sewer abatement – 15 Bass Point Road  
Water & Sewer commitment – miscellaneous, FRMA - \$906.32 (8/19/15)  
Water & Sewer commitment – final readings - \$5177.22 (8/19/15)  
Request to declare surplus property – COA van  
Credit memorandum - \$118.82, 14 Wianno Road (8/20/15)  
Water & Sewer commitment – new services - \$10,350.00 (8/25/15)  
Application for aquaculture license – Shea Doonan  
Water & Sewer commitment – final readings - \$1538.20 (8/27/15)  
Reappointment list dated 9/8/15  
Proclamation – Elizabeth Taber Gala Weekend

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. ZBA notice of decision – 69 East Avenue
2. Conservation Commission legal notice - Moorings QP RT
3. Request for proclamation – Childhood Cancer Awareness Week 9/27 – 10/3
4. Resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals – Johnathan Sylvia
5. Copy of letter from Conservation Commission chairman regarding 102 Front Street
6. Street closure request – lower South Street 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 9/19/15
7. Comments from Chief Miller regarding South Street closure request
8. Email from SRPEDD regarding County Road classification
9. Email from Tinker Saltonstall regarding Elizabeth Taber Gala
10. ZBA request for comments – 359 Delano Road
11. Letter from Facilities Manager regarding replacement of flagpole at Old Landing
12. Letter from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding Small Grants Program
13. Plymouth County Commissioners FY16 assessment
14. Email from MMA announcing Fall Legislative Breakfast meetings
15. Email from MMA announcing Fall Conference
16. Copy of letter to Tabor Academy from DEP regarding release of hazardous material

**OTHER BOARDS**

Meeting minutes – Upper Cape School District Committee (7/9/15)