

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Cushing, Chairman
Jonathan Henry
Jonathan Dickerson

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Rachel Jakuba (Buzzards Bay Coalition)
Jean Perry (Wanderer)
Debra Paiva, secretary

Chairman Cushing called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Town Administrator's office.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion regarding pre-proposal to Southeast New England Program (SNEP) Water Quality Management Grant Program

When Mr. Dawson was on vacation, Mr. Henry was contacted by Marc Rasmussen of the Buzzards Bay Coalition and informed of an opportunity to apply for a \$200,000 grant through the SNEP. The pre-proposal is due by 4:00 p.m. today.

The grant, which cannot be used for work already under contract, involves partnering with the Town of Mattapoisett and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. The proposal is a feasibility study for the sewer connection of 151 homes located at Indian Cove and Mattapoisett's Harbor Beach neighborhood to Marion's Wastewater Treatment Facility, and the resulting benefit would be the reduction of nitrogen in Aucoot Cove.

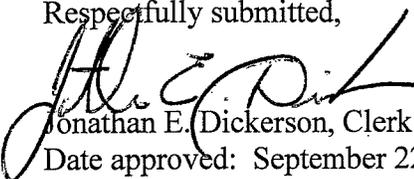
The grant would consist of: \$200,000 from the SNEP, \$50,000 required cash match from the Town of Marion, and \$10,000 in-kind support from Mattapoisett and from the Buzzards Bay Coalition. An article has been placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant requesting approval of the Town's \$50,000 contribution.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition will provide considerable political support and technical expertise, and Mr. Dawson noted that the partnership could be helpful in discussions with the EPA regarding the NPDES permit. Mr. Henry stated that the partnership is an important step in regional cooperation and he considers the offer of the Buzzards Bay Coalition very important. A letter of support, signed by the Mattapoisett Town Administrator, was read into the record.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the proposal and to sign the letter. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry at 2:45 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan E. Dickerson, Clerk
Date approved: September 22, 2015

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