

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 6, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jonathan Henry

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Judith Rosbe  
John Garcia (Standard Times)  
Jean Perry (Wanderer)  
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)  
Christine Reagle (Marion Sentinel)  
Debra Paiva, secretary  
Others who did not sign in

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2015, October 2, 2015**

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the minutes. VOTE: 2-0-0

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Discussion – Donation for Music Hall landscaping project**

At a recent meeting the selectmen approved a landscaping project at the Music Hall. The Music Hall Advisory Committee (MHAC) applied for and received a \$1000 grant from the Lower Village Improvement Fund to put toward the landscaping costs. The MHAC and Mr. Dawson recommend that the selectmen vote to accept the \$1000 grant to be used for the landscaping project.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to accept the donation from the Lower Village Improvement Fund. VOTE: 2-0-0

**One day wine & malt license – Gleason Family YMCA Forks & Corks Food & Wine Tasting at the Music Hall 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (10/16/15)**

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the license. VOTE: 2-0-0

**Water/sewer commitment – second bill run - \$18,893.24 (9/25/15)**

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

**Water/sewer commitment – final readings & misc. bill - \$698 (9/25/15)**

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

**Water/sewer commitment – FRMA - \$5328.58 (9/25/15)**

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

**Discussion – Marion Scholarship Education Fund Committee appointment/reappointment**

The selectmen reviewed a request for reappointment submitted by Lora Sharpe as well as a request for appointment submitted by Connie Pierce; also reviewed was a recommendation from committee chair Debra Blanchette that Ms. Sharpe be reappointed. Mr. Dickerson recommended that Ms. Sharpe be reappointed and also that Mrs. Pierce be appointed; Mr. Dawson said there is no bylaw that would preclude Mr. Dickerson's recommendation.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint Lora Sharpe and also Connie Pierce as members of the Education Scholarship Committee. VOTE: 2-0-0

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Update – Hurricane Joaquin operations**

This item was placed on the agenda when the course of the hurricane were uncertain. There were no operations necessary but the department heads did meet last week and reviewed policies and procedures.

**Town House Building Committee activities**

The committee has issued a press release; the four options have been narrowed to two. Option 1 is a complete renovation of the town house, with the possibility of constructing an addition at the back of the building; the cost of Option 1 is expected to be \$10.5 million. Option 2 includes everything shown in Option 1 and also includes an expansion of the library and a connector that will serve as a senior/community center; the cost of Option 2 is expected to be \$28 million. Mr. Dawson told the selectmen that the committee will be requesting that the moderator will allow them to make an informational presentation at the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

**Water Infiltration – Town House, Library, Atlantis Drive Facility**

Mr. Dawson provided the following information regarding the two storm events that caused flooding in the Town House, the library, and 13 Atlantis Drive:

- July storm – The claim has been fully settled and Town has received one check in the amount of \$12,006.19, the amount paid ServPro, and one check in the amount of \$12,993.81 to be used to repair the damage caused by the flooding.
- September storm – The claim process is underway; adjusters have been to the sites and made recommendations to the insurance company. Mr. Dawson expects that the payment for the second claim will be less and will be limited to the dry out as the second check received for the July storm will be used for repairs.

Mr. Cushing asked if anything has been done to prevent future problems; Mr. Dawson described some of the measures that were taken previously.

**SNEP pre-submission letter**

The Town and co-applicants have been invited to submit a full proposal, which is due on November 6. Mr. Dawson said the Sewer Department, CDM Smith, and the Buzzards Bay Coalition will be working together on the final submission.

The Massachusetts Municipal Association will have a legislative breakfast at the Music Hall on Friday, October 16.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

**#1 - Letter of resignation – Paul Maloney, Plumbing & Gas Inspector**

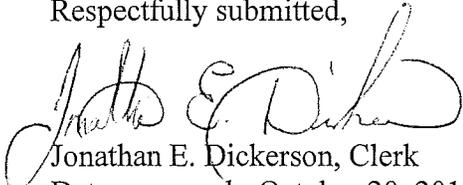
Mr. Maloney will be sent a letter thanking him for his years of service.

**#6 - Letter from Heather & William Vratto regarding Vine Street**

Judith Rosbe, 46 Water Street, addressed the Board on behalf of her daughter Heather Vratto. The letter notes parking conditions have become very crowded on Vine Street since parking on South Street was restricted to one side of the road. Mr. and Mrs. Vratto are requesting that parking on Vine Street be limited to one side of the road as well. Judith Rosbe, 46 Water Street, was present of Mrs. Vratto, her daughter. After a brief discussion it was agreed that no action would be taken until input was received from Chief Miller and Chief Jackvony.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to contract negotiations with non-Union personnel and also with collective bargaining. A roll call vote was taken with both members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan E. Dickerson, Clerk  
Date approved: October 20, 2015

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**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – October 6, 2015**

Meeting minutes - September 22, 2015, October 6, 2015

Music Hall Advisory Committee request to accept grant from Marion Lower Village Improvement Committee

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Marion Scholarship Education Committee appointment/reappointment – request for reappointment, request for appointment, chairman recommendation

Town House Building Committee press release

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Letter of resignation – Paul Maloney, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Email from MMA regarding Legislative Breakfast Meetings

Email from MMA regarding Public Records Law Legislation

Street closure request – Christmas Stroll (12/13/15)

Letter from Sippican Historical Society regarding electric meter

Letter from Heather and William Vratos regarding Vine Street

Street closure request – Halloween Parade (10/31/15)

Water abatement request – 19 Pine Hill Lane

Conservation Commission legal notice – Grassi Bog

Email from Cub Scout Pack 32 regarding Soap Box Derby street closure request