

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
August 20, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Dickerson, Chairman
Stephen Cushing
Jonathan Henry, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Debra (Blanchette) Watson
Jane McCarthy
Lora Sharpe
Elizabeth Brainard
Police Chief Miller
Ben Thompson
George Moffat
John Rockwell
Ken Litke
Kirk Coykendall
Shawn Badgley (Wanderer)
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Station conference room. Mr. Dickerson announced that the meeting would be 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

July 9, 2013 – Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve. VOTE: 2-0-1 (Mr. Dickerson abstained)

July 31, 2013 – Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve. VOTE: 2-0-1 (Mr. Cushing abstained)

August 6, 2013 – Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve. VOTE: 2-0-1 (Mr. Henry abstained)

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 p.m. – Marion Scholarship Education Committee – Raffle Drawing

Marion Scholarship Education Committee members Lora Sharpe, Liz Brainard, and Jane McCarthy were present and introduced by Committee Chairman Debra Blanchette. The raffle prize was three tickets to a Boston Red Sox game; Lora Sharpe and her husband Jim Fogarty were thanked for their donation of game tickets over the past nine years. Jack Cheney of the Marion General Store and Jonathan and Michelle Pope of Uncle Jon's were also thanked for selling the raffle tickets at their businesses. After the drawing it was announced that the winning ticket belonged to the Francis family.

Mrs. Blanchette described the work done by the Marion Scholarship/Education Fund, announced this year's scholarship recipients, and named some of the organizations and groups that have

benefited from the education component of the fund. Information on how to make a donation was provided.

7:05 p.m. – Public Hearing – Greenport Consulting – Amendment to Aquaculture License

The public hearing notice was read into the record. Chris Bryant was present and explained that the amendment is a slight relocation of the approved shellfish grant and part of a settlement agreement with abutters. Comments from the Harbormaster and Shellfish Officer were read into the record.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to conditionally approve the proposed site location. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Parade Permit Request – Better Future Project

Ben Thompson of Better Future Project was present to provide information regarding the parade route and sleeping accommodations. During the conversation the following issues were addressed:

- Number of participants
- Sleeping arrangements (inside and outside at St. Gabriel's Church)
- Noise control
- Walking route off Route 6
- Keeping participants on sidewalks
- Trained parade marshals
- Fire Department onsite crowd monitor for overnight stay at St. Gabriel's
- Requiring Fire chief approval
- Communicating with Chief Miller day before or day of event actual number of participants
- Transportation plans if it becomes necessary to shuttle participants to alternate sleeping accommodations
- Locations of two crossings on parade route
- Providing contact information for person of charge and having that person communicate with Chief Miller prior to the march
- After discussion it was agreed that the request would be conditionally approved by the Selectmen, with the final approval required from Chief Miller and Chief Joyce.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve the request pending approval of the Fire Chief of the overnight facilities. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request for three year extension of aquaculture license – Catherine Brodeur

Ms. Brodeur is requesting a three year extension of her existing aquaculture license. Mr. Dawson said the Harbormaster and the Shellfish Officer have indicated approval of the extension.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry approve the request of Catherine Brodeur for a three year extension of her aquaculture license. VOTE: 3-0-0

Memo from Music Hall Advisory Committee regarding loan of painting

It was agreed that this item would be tabled with no action taken at this time.

One day all alcohol license – VFW – company party, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (8/25/13)

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to move the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – VFW – welcome home party, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. (9/1/13)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update – Home Rule Petition granting Water & Sewer Commissioners statutory powers for collection of water bills

The Home Rule Petition approved at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting has been assigned a petition number (3605). The petition is for special legislation allowing the Selectmen authority to collect out of town water bills. Mr. Dawson will continue to work with Senator Pacheco and Representative Straus to move the bill forward.

United Way of Greater New Bedford Food Drive September 9 – September 13

The Selectmen approved the request of the Greater New Bedford United Way to leave a food donation bin in Town Hall for the week of September 9-13.

Update – Ambulance billing

At the August 6 meeting Mr. Dawson stated that there were outstanding ambulance bills in the amount of \$280,000; tonight he told the Board that the correct amount is \$28,573.

Update – Outstanding Water Accounts

Mr. Dawson said default judgments have been received for five of the nine outstanding Rochester water bills.

Update – Discussions concerning school budgets

State recently changed formulas used by communities to determine their contribution to the schools, resulting in a net increase of \$18,000 for Marion's assessment. Mr. Dawson said Tri-Town summit meetings will be held this Fall with the Town Administrators, School Committees, Selectmen, and the Superintendent in attendance, to discuss next year's budget.

Update – Employment contracts with Police Chief and Collector/Treasurer

Mr. Dawson announced that the negotiated employment contracts of the Police Chief and also of the Collector/Treasurer are ready for the Board to approve and sign.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to accept the contracts as negotiated by the Board. VOTE: 3-0-0

Correspondence

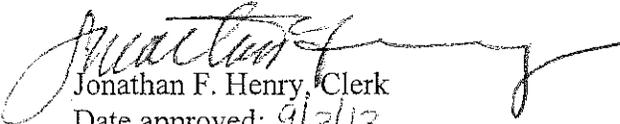
#1 – Letter from Mary Lomba regarding
Taken under advisement until next meeting.

#8 –

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to allow outside additional watering at 199 New Bedford Road, Rochester. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry at 7:52 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and any other matters to come before the Board. Having this discussion in open session would or could jeopardize the reason for going into Executive Session. The Board will not be entering back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan F. Henry, Clerk
Date approved: 9/3/13

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – August 20, 2013

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House Docket No. 3782 - Home Rule Petition regarding collection of water bills
Announcement - United Way of Greater New Bedford 2013 Food Drive
Letter from Mary Lomba regarding repair to water line (7/31/13)
Letter from FEMA regarding Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) (8/5/13)
Letter from Town Administrator to Planning Board regarding proposed bylaw amendment (8/8/13)
Letter of from Bay Watch Realty Trust regarding transfer of ownership of sewer stub
Notification of Conservation Commission hearing - 28 Front Street (8/28/13)
Email announcing MMA Fall Legislative Breakfast meetings
Letter from Comcast regarding PEG Access Funding (8/15/13)
Request to allow additional outside watering at 199 New Bedford Road, Rochester (8/20/13)