

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2013**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Mitchell Suzan  
Michael DeCicco  
Chris Reagle  
Matthew Bernat  
Joan Hartnett-Barry  
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town House conference room. Mr. Dickerson 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 - October 16, 2013 (corrected), November 5, 2013**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the corrected minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the minutes of the November 5, 2013 meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Sign letter of support – Community Innovation Challenge Grant**

The letter of support has been requested on behalf of a grant for the purchase of a sewer and discharge vacuum truck to be owned and shared by the towns of Marion, Rochester, and Mattapoisett. The request is for signature of the letter of support and authorization of the grant application itself. Mr. Cushing asked if the grant would pay for the entire purchase cost of the truck and was told yes.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to accept the recommendation of the grant writer to participate in the grant as described. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Sign contract – Tata & Howard (Well exploration)**

The contract (\$46,000) is for well exploration as approved at the October 28, 2013 Special Town Meeting. The well exploration is in the area of the Town-owned land referred to as the "Rentumis property."

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign the contract. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Sign contract – Tata & Howard (General Services)**

The contract does not call for the expenditure of funds but provides for the performance of services. Any work done would require a task order that would be brought to the Selectmen for their approval.

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

**Discussion – Request to allow BYOB at Music Hall events**

Mr. Suzan was present for this discussion. He is a co-owner of Stitch Productions and is requesting approval to hold adult (over age 21) BYOB concerts at the Music Hall. Mr. Dawson explained that the Selectmen had the authority to establish a policy that would address BYOB functions in Town-owned facilities. After discussion it was agreed that no decision would be made tonight; input would be requested from Attorney Witten, the Music Hall coordinator, and the Music Hall Advisory Committee.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Update on energy efficiency upgrades**

Last year NSTAR did energy audits at all Town facilities and the Town was provided a list of recommended energy saving upgrades. Work was done at the Sippican School to see if the projected cost savings resulted and also to see if the contractor was satisfactory. The contractor got high reviews from the school facilities manager and it's too early to see if the cost savings were achieved. NSTAR is mandated by the State to accomplish threshold numbers of energy saving measures this year. NSTAR has approached the Town of Marion with an offer to pay 70% of the costs if the Town agrees to have work done by the end of this calendar year. Payment will be spread over two years at 0% interest and the Finance Committee is in favor of the proposal. The total cost of the upgrade is \$184,530, the utility incentives total \$129,171, and the net cost to the Town will be \$55,359.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry to authorize the Town Administrator to sign a contract with TNT Energy on behalf of the Town of Marion. VOTE: 3-0-0

NOTE: Mr. Cushing recused himself and left the meeting prior to the following discussion.

**Cable Advisory Committee formation**

At a recent Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting it was agreed that each town would form a Cable Advisory Committee consisting of three members. Mr. Henry noted that former Selectman Drew Jeffrey represented the Selectmen during the previous cable negotiations and suggested that he be asked to serve in that capacity again. It was agreed that the committee would consist of two members at large and one individual acting as the Selectmen's representative.

NOTE: Mr. Cushing rejoined the meeting at this time.

**Committee Updates to Board of Selectmen**

At the last meeting the Selectmen agreed that Board members and department heads would be invited to upcoming meetings to provide the Selectmen with an update of their activities. The

Facilities Manager will be at the December 17 meeting and the Conservation Commission will be at the January 7 meeting.

**Facilities Manager contract**

Mr. Dawson provided a copy of the Mr. Cormier's contract for the Board's ratification and signature.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the contract. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Unemployment issues**

Mr. Dawson informed the Board that the Town has been designated a contributory payer toward the claims of two employees who voluntarily left employment with the Town and then left their current jobs. He is seeking the approval of the Board to appeal the claims and to discuss this issue with the legislators.

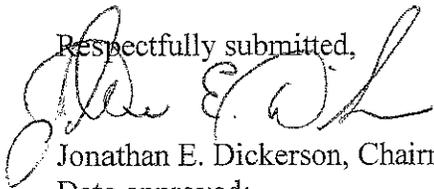
**CORRESPONDENCE**

#6 – Email from Ruth Olson requesting appointment to Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
After discussion it was agreed that this will be addressed at the December 3 meeting.

Mr. Dickerson announced that the Fireworks Committee has two members and made an appeal for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing at 7:49 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan E. Dickerson, Chairman

Date approved:

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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – November 19, 2013**

Meeting minutes – October 16, 2013 (corrected), November 5, 2013  
Letter of support – Community Innovation Challenge Grant  
Contract – Tata & Howard (Well exploration)  
Contract – Tata & Howard (General services)  
Email request to allow BYOB at Music Hall events  
Energy efficiency upgrades summary sheet  
Letter from xfinity regarding channel (G4 & G4 HD) changes (10/31/13)  
Letter from DMF regarding Sippican Harbor shellfishing classification (11/1/13)  
Letter from U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary regarding use of 13 Atlantis Drive  
Copy of letter from ORCTV regarding filming of Conservation Commission meetings (11/15/13)  
Copy of audit – ORCTV financial statements  
Email from Ruth Olson requesting appointment to Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
Conservation Commission meeting agenda (11/13/13)  
Planning Board meeting agenda (11/18/13)