

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

August 5, 2008

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Jonathan F. Henry, Board members Roger F. Blanchette and Stephen M. Cushing and Town Administrator Paul F. Dawson. Also present were Lee Craver, Kenneth J. Souza of *The Wanderer*, Ruth Thompson of *The Sentinel*, Andrea Smith of the *Tri-Town Observer*, Kim Miot of ORCTV, Dorothy Burrill and Suzanne Peterson of Littleneck Village, Betsy Dunn, Eunice Manduca, Carol Sanz and Treasurer/Collector Gary Carreiro. Also, Reginald Foster, Richard Schaefer, attorney for E. A. Fish Associates, representatives of E.A Fish, Edward A. Fish, Melissa Fish Crane, Dana Angelo, Chris and Kurt Raber, and Helene Craver, secretary and others who may not have signed in.

Mr. Henry noted that Alice Costa, long-time police dispatcher, had died. Mr. Henry recalled that she had served under several police chiefs for about twenty-five years, in spite of having had polio and getting around on crutches with some difficulty. Mr. Henry recalled that Mrs. Costa was married to Buddy Costa, who had worked for the Town's water department, and raised two daughters, while she helped hundreds of people in emergencies at a time when the Police Department was mostly composed of on-call members. Mr. Henry called for a moment of silence.

Mr. Blanchette moved the minutes of April 8, June 24 and July 8, 2008; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board then met with Mr. Carreiro, who informed the Board that he is commencing tax title foreclosures through the land court on several properties. Mr. Henry requested the reading of the property list be waived, provided it appeared in the minutes. (The properties are Bather, Point Road, map 8, lot 36; Pina, 154 Spring Street, map 13, lot 50; Ribeiro, 1013 Point Road, map 10, lot 4 and 984 Point Road, map 11, lot 119; Kaplan, 465 Point Road, map 2, lot 28; VonZweck, 17 Old Knoll Road, map 17, lot 22B.) Mr. Carreiro noted that the last property had been paid in full recently. Mr. Carreiro described the process which will result in the Town's owning the property and disposing of it through sealed bids.

Mr. Henry announced that the presentation to be given by the E. A. Fish Associates regarding the Littleneck Village project is primarily for the Selectmen's edification; when the public is invited to ask questions, they should be confined to matters of importance and not address minutiae regarding the project. Mr. Foster reported that a public meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m., at which time everyone is invited to ask questions; the purpose of tonight's meeting is to introduce the team which has been selected for the project and provide information on the project's time frame.

Mr. Angelo, project manager, introduced members of the Fish team and summarized the highlights and time frame of the permitting process in preparation for the application of federal and State funding for the project.

Mr. Fish described his background and the history of his company and several other projects they had undertaken in the past. Mr. Fish said that he was familiar with Marion, as two of his sons had graduated from Tabor Academy, one of whom will be in charge of the construction on this project. Mr. Fish assured those that are presently living in Littleneck Village that they would live in the new construction and also be able to choose in which of the new units they would live. Mr. Fish said that he appreciates the opportunity to work with the Town. Mr. Raber, architect, described the features and appearance of the project. Mr. Foster listed and thanked the various volunteers who had worked on the project. Mr. Henry thanked Mr. Foster for his work.

Mrs. Sanz asked if there were other Fish elderly housing projects nearby that could be visited. Mr. Fish listed projects in Mashpee, New Bedford and Fall River as others and offered to transport interested residents to visit, but mentioned that their other projects were not similar to the one planned for Marion, as the lowest one they had previously built was four stories.

Ms. Burrill thanked everyone involved thus far with the resolution of the expansion of Littleneck Village and relayed the news that the current residents were very pleased.

Mr. Cushing moved one-day, all-alcohol licenses for VFW Post #2425 for August 10 and August 23, 2008; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Henry suggested waiving the reading of the list of reappointments. Mr. Dawson noted that the appointment of Paul Maloney as interim plumbing and gas inspector was necessary, as the Town has not resolved whether the position falls under civil service and, if it does, remove it at the next Town Meeting.

Nr, Blanchette moved to approve the list of reappointments; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

(The list is attached to these minutes and made a part by reference.)

Mr. Dawson reported that he had recently been contacted by a Marion resident, Leonard Cook, regarding the Community Rating System, which is a FEMA-sponsored program allowing cities and towns to reduce insurance premiums. Mr. Henry requested Mr. Cook visit with the Board to answers some questions, as he wanted to determine whether Mr. Cook was selling a service. Mr. Henry said that he had heard of some similar service following Hurricane Bob, when a hazard mitigation service attempted to get communities to elevate heating and other equipment to upper levels to avoid flooding damage.

Mr. Dawson reported that he is developing employee evaluation forms, which should be ready for the next meeting. Mr. Blanchette asked Mr. Dawson to schedule a meeting of the Personnel Advisory Committee; he feels they don't meet often enough and regular meetings should be scheduled at least once a quarter. Mr. Henry agreed.

Mr. Dawson advised the Board that a Special Town Meeting needs to be called to accommodate the Marion Affordable Housing Trust and E. A. Fish to go forward and arrange for financing for the Littleneck Village project with transfer of the property.

Mr. Cushing moved to call a Special Town Meeting on September 22, 2008, as proposed by the Town Administrator; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson said that they would close the Warrant on August 19. Mr. Blanchette noted that the Planning Board was going forward with their "Neighborhood Overlay District" and observed several situations where the current zoning doesn't make any sense. Mr. Blanchette suggested the Selectmen seek solutions through zoning changes that would be presented at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Dawson explained that the Board could create zoning Articles for the Special Town Meeting, but the process would be the same, with the Planning Board holding hearings, etc.; however, Mr. Blanchette is proposing "spot zoning" as he has described it. Mr. Dawson suggested that the same result may be obtained with another approach. Mr. Henry observed that the current plan for the Neighborhood Overlay District is the best thing the Planning Board has proposed in a long time; a similar plan for the village area should be considered. Mr. Henry said, eventually, property in the village will become available for redevelopment; one of the best features of the Planning Board's proposal is that all the property under the plan is grandfathered, so no rights are abrogated and it doesn't affect the people who are already there. Mr. Dawson agreed to request the Planning Board's assistance.

The Board discussed Mrs. Dunn's situation with her. (She resigned as an elected Board of Health member as required when she retired from her regular job; now she desires to be appointed to the position until the next election.) Mr. Henry explained that the Selectmen cannot limit the applicants to Mrs. Dunn alone; should someone else apply, they must be considered. Mrs. Dunn asked if she could be appointed to the remainder of her term if no one else applies. Mr. Dawson explained that this event is covered by the General Laws—someone can only be appointed until the next election. It was agreed that the Board would meet with the Board of Health to fill the vacancy at the August 19 meeting.

Mr. Dawson explained that, last year, the Marine Resources Commission voted changed to their regulations to reflect the law which requires that fees be the same whether someone is or is not a resident. Mr. Dawson said that the requested regulation change is actually in practice now.

Mr. Cushing moved to approve the harbor regulations; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Harbormaster requested the Board declare a used motor boat motor surplus equipment so it can be sold.

Mr. Blanchette moved to declare the motor surplus equipment; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board then discussed a memo from the Fire Chief, who requested the detail rate for firefighters be standardized. Mr. Henry noted that the Chief's recommendation is not the same as is practiced by the Police Department and suggested option #4, which would be simpler. Mr. Dawson suggested having Chief Guerzoni attend the next meeting. Mr. Henry said that there is a differentiation in pay rates and the same should apply to detail pay. The Board agreed on option #4, the differentiated pay scale, for fire details.

The Board then reviewed abatement requests for water/sewer bills. The first was from Keene, 51 Main Street, which was advisory, as there had been a jump in consumption because of the construction in the street.

Regarding Doherty, 102 Main Street, Mr. Henry removed himself from the discussion and did not take part in any decision. Mr. Blanchette noted that the previous bill had been estimated, as the water department had been unable to obtain a reading or detect any leaks; the water passed through the meter.

Mr. Cushing moved to deny the request; the motion was seconded and carried, Mr. Henry abstaining.

Regarding Barrows, 5 Washburn Park Road, the water department had determined that the meter had stopped working and estimated the bill using winter months' averages (in an attempt to be fair), but the homeowner was still contesting the bill.

Mr. Blanchette moved to accept the recommendation of the Department of Public Works and deny the request; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

McPeck, 47 Main Street, objected to the basic water bill as she is a lifelong, senior, seasonal resident. Mr. Blanchette noted that the expense of running the water/sewer department continues, even if someone isn't in residence.

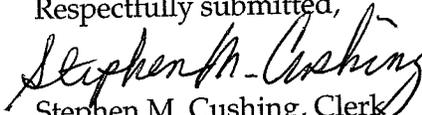
Mr. Cushing moved to deny the request; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Carreau, 43 Mattapoisett Road, Rochester, requested an abatement of the water reading charge, even though the water meter reading card had not been returned.

Mr. Blanchette moved to allow the charge to stand; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Cushing moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date signed: 8/19/08

Attachment

2008 Reappointments

Alternative Energy Study Committee	
Norman A. Hills	June 30, 2009
Robert D. Fisher	June 30, 2009
Eunice C. Manduca	June 30, 2009
David K. Pierce	June 30, 2009
William A. Saltonstall, Jr.	June 30, 2009
Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator	
Paul F. Dawson	June 30, 2009
Bird Island Lighthouse Restoration Committee	
Michael H. Cormier	June 30, 2009
Sherman F. Briggs, Jr.	June 30, 2009
Douglas Watson	June 30, 2009
Building Department	
Richard W. Marx, Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings/ Zoning Enforcement Officer	June 30, 2009
Scott C. Shippey, Alternate Building Inspector	June 30, 2009
Randy A. Caswell, Inspector of Wires	June 30, 2009
Mark D. Farrell, Alternate Inspector of Wires	June 30, 2009
Paul Maloney, Interim Plumbing & Gas Inspector	June 30, 2009
Steven E. Gibbs, Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector	June 30, 2009
Buzzards Bay Action Committee (Marion's representative)	
Roger F. Blanchette	June 30, 2009
Michael H. Cormier, alternate	June 30, 2009
Carver/Marion/Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District	
Stephen M. Cushing	June 30, 2009
John S. Crosby	June 30, 2011
Cemetery Commissioner	
Margherita B. Baldwin	June 30, 2011
Chief Procurement Officer	
Paul F. Dawson	June 30, 2009
Community Preservation Committee	
Loretta B. Schaefer (Historical)	June 30, 2009
Margherita B. Baldwin (Parks)	June 30, 2009
Randy L. Parker (Open Space)	June 30, 2009
Ora Mae Torres (Housing)	June 30, 2009
Norman A. Hills (Conservation)	June 30, 2009
Thomas R. Magauran (Planning)	June 30, 2009
John Rockwell (Open Space)	June 30, 2009

2008 Reappointments

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Conservation

Jeffrey W. Oakes June 30, 2011
Bruce C. Hebbel June 30, 2011
Horace S. Kenney, Associate June 30, 2011

Council on Aging

Robert D. Marso June 30, 2011
Jane F. Barker June 30, 2011
Pamela M. LaCrosse June 30, 2011

Emergency Management

W. Dale Jones June 30, 2009

Fence Viewers

Carolyn M. Eames June 30, 2009
Albert W. Richards June 30, 2009
Paul F. Dawson June 30, 2009

Fourth of July Parade Committee

Ronald J. Barros June 30, 2009
Robert P. Demeo June 30, 2009
Ernest T. Halunen June 30, 2009
Rodney P. Hunt June 30, 2009
Gardner S. McWilliams June 30, 2009
Joseph F. Napoli June 30, 2009
Paul J. St. Don June 30, 2009
John J. Robarge June 30, 2009
Joseph P. Zora June 30, 2009

Assistants to the Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer

Scott C. Cowell June 30, 2009
Earnest W. Holland June 30, 2009
Kyle C. Letendre June 30, 2009
Michael Paoella June 30, 2009
John A. Potito June 30, 2009
Christopher W. Washburn June 30, 2009
Jared Dourdeville, Reserve June 30, 2009
Vincent J. Malkoski, Jr., Reserve June 30, 2009
Chester S. Smith, Reserve June 30, 2009

Herring Inspectors

James R. Gurney June 30, 2009

Wharfingers

Kenneth O. Clark, Jr. June 30, 2009
Eunice C. Manduca June 30, 2009

Historical Commission

Allan W. Ditchfield June 30, 2011

Marine Resources Commission	
Carleton Burr, Jr.	June 30, 2011
Gregory W. Houdelette	June 30, 2011
Peter R. Wallace	June 30, 2011
Marion Affordable Housing Trust	
Reginald C. Foster	June 30, 2009
Roger F. Blanchette	June 30, 2009
Stephen M. Cushing	June 30, 2009
James T. Grady	June 30, 2009
Jonathan F. Henry	June 30, 2009
Reverend Robert B. MacFarlane	June 30, 2009
Ora Mae Torres	June 30, 2009
Marion Cultural Council	
Elizabeth H. Johnson	June 30, 2011
Marion Pathways Committee	
Kenneth S. Litke	June 30, 2009
John Rockwell	June 30, 2009
Joan A. Hartnett-Barry	June 30, 2009
Diane Y. Bondi-Pickles	June 30, 2009
Joseph P. Keogh	June 30, 2009
Jeffrey W. Oakes	June 30, 2009
Jonathan F. Henry	June 30, 2009
Marion Scholarship Education Fund Committee	
Debra M. Blanchette	June 30, 2009
William R. Cooper	June 30, 2009
Jane K. McCarthy	June 30, 2009
Loretta B. Schaefer	June 30, 2009
Lora A. Sharpe	June 30, 2009
Mattapoissett River Valley Water District	
Karl R. Kistler	June 30, 2011
Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee	
David K. Pierce	June 30, 2009
Robert C. Zora	June 30, 2009
Memorial Day Committee	
Robert P. Demeo	June 30, 2011
Rodney P. Hunt	June 30, 2011
John J. Robarge	June 30, 2011
Music Hall Advisory Committee	
Stephen M. Cushing	June 30, 2011
Loretta B. Schaefer	June 30, 2011

Oil Spill Coordinators

Richard J. Guerzoni
Michael H. Cormier

June 30, 2009
June 30, 2009

Parks Committee

Margherita B. Baldwin
Timothy J. Crowley
A. Susanne Kotowski

June 30, 2009
June 30, 2010
June 30, 2011

Personnel Advisory Committee

James B. Barron
Roger F. Blanchette
Stephen M. Cushing
Hamish C. Gravem
Karen C. Kevelson
Richard A. Kemp
Jonathan F. Henry
Alan I. Minard
Lee Vulgaris

June 30, 2009
June 30, 2009

Constables

Lincoln W. Miller
Russell F. Tinkham, Jr.

June 30, 2009
June 30, 2009

Police Station Building Committee

W. Dale Jones
Robert R. Dion
Lincoln W. Miller
William W. Saltonstall
Jonathan F. Henry

June 30, 2009
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Public Works

Gary R. Sherman, Cross Connection Tester`

June 30, 2009

Recreation Committee

Christopher G. Adams
Jeanine G. Dickerson

June 30, 2011
June 30, 2011

Senior Center Study Committee

Albert M. Cordeiro
Mary J. Gallini
Eunice C. Manduca
Joseph F. Napoli
David B. Titus
Tabitha L. Tripp
Susan J. Schwager, Alternate
Ora Mae Torres, Alternate

June 30, 2009
June 30, 2009

Sippican School Major Maintenance Committee

Robert R. Dion

June 30, 2011

SRPEDD

Jonathan F. Henry June 30, 2009
Patricia McArdle (Planning Board) June 30, 2009

Tree Planting Committee

Margherita B. Baldwin June 30, 2011
Diane C. Cook June 30, 2011
Timothy J. Crowley June 30, 2011
Katrina J. Saltonstall June 30, 2011

Tri-Town River Committee

James R. Gurney June 30, 2009
Randy L. Parker June 30, 2009

Water Committee

David K. Pierce June 30, 2009
Paul F. Dawson June 30, 2009
Richard J. Guerzoni June 30, 2009
W. Dale Jones June 30, 2009
Donald J. Torres June 30, 2009
Robert C. Zora June 30, 2009

Water/Sewer Rate Review Team

Rebecca L. Carvalho June 30, 2009
Paul F. Dawson June 30, 2009
Judith M. Mooney June 30, 2009
Robert C. Zora June 30, 2009

Zoning Board of Appeals

Belmiro J. Barros June 30, 2013
June M. Robbins, Alternate June 30, 2011