

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

**January 15, 2009
Special Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. Present were Chairman Jonathan F. Henry, Board members Roger F. Blanchette and Stephen M. Cushing, Town Administrator Paul F. Dawson and Helene Craver, secretary.

Mr. Blanchette moved a one-day, all-alcohol license for the Marion Social Club on January 18, 2009 from noon to 4:00 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Blanchette noted that there is an action item for the January 20 regular meeting from a group wishing to form a committee to act upon the 2015 Committee recommendations. Mr. Blanchette said that he interpreted the letter asking to form the committee as a group wishing to make recommendations for action directly to the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Blanchette said that it was his feeling that any charge to the committee, should it be formed, should include a provision that any recommendations be made to the Selectmen. Mr. Dawson suggested that the Board may wish to consider having one of the members be an ex officio member of the committee, if it is formed. Mr. Blanchette noted that one of the proposed members of the committee is not a Marion resident and several others concern him.

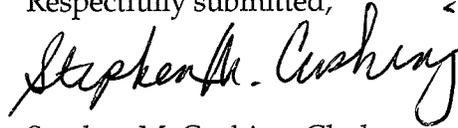
Mr. Dawson informed the Board that one of the items that will come before them at the January 20 meeting is a request for sewer connections on an "approval not required" subdivision of the former Wisner property on Converse Road, now owned by John Ludes. Mr. Dawson explained that there are currently three lots, but the proposed subdivision has the potential for four lots, one of which contains five houses. Mr. Dawson reported that, when the sewer expansion went by the lots, only one sewer stub was installed for each of the lots, even though there are multiple houses. Mr. Dawson explained that the sewer regulations preclude such an arrangement. Mr. Henry said that the Wisners had a plan to demolish the homes; Mr. Blanchette said that the Wisners didn't want to pay for the additional sewer connections. Mr. Dawson pointed out that this will result in an equity issue, as others have paid for the necessary connections, while there are five houses on one stub, which causes the other property owners to be assessed at a higher rate.

Mr. Dawson noted that the Wisner property situation has implications with the Town's sewer moratorium and agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bay Watch 40B development. Mr. Dawson said that the situation is being reviewed by Town Counsel and recalled that there are others in line waiting for sewer connections in other areas where sewer is urgently needed. Mr. Henry asked if the moratorium could be lifted; Mr. Dawson said that it could, once a plan was developed on how to allocate the available capacity of the plant. More discussion followed regarding the waiting list and how to determine how many property owners are still waiting for sewer connections. It was agreed that Superintendent Zora would be

requested to bring this information to the meeting on January 20. Mr. Dawson suggested the Board listen to the presentation and take the matter under advisement until a plan is put into place. Mr. Blanchette said that, with some simple math and research, they should be able to determine how many connections could be allowed when the moratorium is lifted.

Mr. Cushing moved to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen M. Cushing". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: 1/20/09