

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
December 30, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson
Stephen Cushing

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Jennifer Watson
Jean Perry (Wanderer)
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town House conference room. Mr. Henry 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 – December 9, 2014, December 16, 2014

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the meeting minutes. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion – Bay Watch Development request

Bay Watch Realty Trust has submitted a proposal involving an exchange of CPC funds for seven additional “for sale” units. Jennifer Watson, Affordable Housing Trust chairman Jennifer Watson was present and expressed interest in the proposal. After discussion the Board agreed to take the proposal under advisement to allow time for the State to inform the Town what CPA funds will be available. It was also agreed that Mr. Henry will speak on behalf of the selectmen in support of the proposal at the next meeting of the Affordable Housing Trust. At the next selectmen’s meeting (January 20) the Board will decide whether or not to move forward.

Request for extension of aquaculture permit – Bryant Brothers Shellfish Company, Inc., formerly Greenport Consulting, Inc.

An application submitted by Bryant Brothers Shellfish Company (formerly Greenport Consulting), requesting a three year extension of an existing aquaculture permit, was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the application to renew the aquaculture license requested by Chris Bryant. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water Commitment – miscellaneous billing & new services - \$8950.49 (12/17/14)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water Commitment – FRMA & final readings - \$1606.90 (12/17/14)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water Commitment – quarterly water & sewer billing - \$895,868.35 (12/15/14)

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve. VOTE: 3-0-0

Vote – Plymouth County Mosquito Control declaration of support or no support – FY2016 funding

The budget and request for declaration of support or no support was reviewed and briefly discussed. Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize Mr. Dawson to sign the declaration on behalf of the Board and also to support the budget. VOTE: 3-0-0

Request from Building Commissioner to attend FEMA training seminar

Building Commissioner Scott Shippey was present for this discussion. He is requesting approval to travel out of state to attend a FEMA training session; the cost to attend to the conference will be accommodated within his department budget.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to authorize attendance and out of state travel. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update – Year end licensing

Mr. Dawson told the Board that four licensed establishments still owe some paperwork, and no alcohol licensees are involved.

Update – NPDES permit

Mr. Dawson told the Board that the request for an extension of the comment period was mailed on December 17. A response to the request has not yet been received; however, the Town did receive notice that due to the holiday season the comment period has been extended to February 2. CDM Smith representatives have suggested that the Town may want to engage outside legal services for this process, and Mr. Dawson stated that he is not convinced that this is the best plan as Town Counsel is well versed in land use and environmental issues. However, some towns and cities within the Taunton River Basin area are experiencing similar issues with their NPDES permits and have engaged a law firm from Washington, D.C. Mr. Dawson has an opportunity to meet with one of the attorneys and requested authorization to meet with him. After discussion, the selectmen agreed to authorize Mr. Dawson to meet with engineers from CDM Smith and the law firm's representative.

Town Administrator vacation

Mr. Dawson announced that he will be on vacation from January 1, 2015 until Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

Not in correspondence listed on the agenda –

Letter from Joseph Zora Jr. regarding access to Old Parlowtown Road, and copy of reply sent from Town Counsel today.

#8– Invitation to attend meeting with Tabor Academy Civic Engagement Committee

Tabor Academy's Board of Trustees has formed a civic engagement committee and Headmaster John Quirk has asked if the selectmen would be interested in meeting with the committee. The

selectmen were interested and agreed that at their January 20 meeting they would compose a list containing items of interest. The list will be sent to Tabor Academy and Mr. Dawson will contact Mr. Quirk to schedule a date and time for the selectmen and the committee to meet.

#10 – City of New Bedford – Dedicated Lottery Ticket for South Coast Rail funding

Mr. Henry will get more information regarding this proposal when he attends the next SRPEDD meeting.

Mr. Henry announced that there was no heat at Town Hall from December 26 until midday on December 29 and thanked the staff for continuing to work until the furnace was repaired.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to collective bargaining and also for strategy related to contract negotiations with non-Union personnel. The Board will not be returning to Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: January 20, 2015

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Jan 21 2015 8:45 am
DATE TIME
M. Bissonette
TOWN CLERK OF MARION

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