

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2015**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Priscilla Ditchfield  
Susan Schwager  
Christina Bascom  
Jean Perry (Wanderer)  
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)  
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)  
Chris Reagle (Sentinel)  
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 30, 2014**

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**7:05 p.m. – Friends of Marion Council on Aging – Discussion regarding community center needs assessment**

Priscilla Ditchfield was present with Susan Schwager. UMass Boston recently conducted a study to investigate the needs of the Town's older residents; Priscilla Ditchfield and Susan Schwager were present to submit and discuss the results (Aging in Place Report). During the discussion the following issues were addressed:

- Current and anticipated demographics
- Results of focus groups study in October
- Lack of central gathering place
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of opportunities for downsizing
- Lack of public transportation
- Transportation provided by COA vans
- Classification of minimally active COA due to absence of senior center
- Friends of Marion Council on Aging (Friends) support for a part time COA program coordinator
- Friends plan to study "village" model
- Friends plan to work with library
- Friends plan to help improve COA van service
- Friends request that BOS read report and support COA in budget requests

**7:20 p.m. –SRPEDD representatives – Discussion regarding Regional Transportation Plan**  
Lisa Estrela-Pedro, Director of Highway Planning, and Jacqueline Schmidt, Senior Transportation Planner, were present to discuss the Regional Transportation Plan (Plan), which is updated every four years. Ms. Estrela-Pedro said the Plan will be completed in 2015, looks out to the year 2040, and will examine the regional transportation needs. Sidewalks, bike paths, and airport expansions will be included within the Plan and the selectmen were asked what they consider local needs. Work is also being done on a regional bike plan and two upcoming meetings/open houses were announced. Ms. Estrela-Pedro announced that the transportation survey is available online. The following local needs were discussed:

- Transportation for elderly (bus or oncall individual rides)
- Bike path
- Roadway concerns – County Road, including the Sippican River Bridge
- Traffic calming on Route 6, particularly Routes 105 & 6, and also Little Neck Village

It was agreed that SRPEDD will be informed of any other local needs.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Water Commitment – FRMA & final readings - \$5535.69 (12/29/14)**

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

**Water Commitment – miscellaneous billing & new services - \$1210.13 (12/29/14)**

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

**Vote – ABCC Annual Report, estimated seasonal population**

Mr. Dawson told the Board that the seasonal population as of July 10, 2015 is estimated to be 6204.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the Annual Report to the ABCC. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Discussion – Goals to present to Tabor Academy Civic Engagement Committee**

The selectmen have been invited to meet with Tabor Academy's Civic Engagement Committee. A list of generalized topics will be composed to submit to the committee; Mr. Dawson will contact Mr. Quirk and schedule a meeting.

**Discussion – IRS 2015 Mileage Reimbursement Rate**

The IRS has set the 2015 mileage reimbursement at 57.5 cents per mile

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to accept the new IRS mileage rates. VOTE: 3-0-0

**1 day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – clam boil - 12 noon – 4:00 p.m., 1/25/15**

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

**1 day wine & malt license – South Coast Children's Choir at the Music Hall – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 1/30/15**

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

### **Water abatement request – 6 Jenney Lane**

An application requesting an abatement of sewer charges was reviewed and discussed. Review of the information revealed the following:

- The increase in water consumption was caused by a defective irrigation valve which has since been repaired.
- The irrigation system leaked from August 9, 2014 until September 19, 2014. A previous abatement was for a previous billing period and applied to water used up to August 31, 2014. The request voted on tonight applies to the most recent bill and is for water used within the September 10, 2014 - September 19, 2014 time period.
- The water was not consciously used and did not enter the municipal sewer system.
- The Department of Public Works recommended the granting of an abatement of the sewer charges of \$867.87.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to accept the recommendation of the DPW superintendent. VOTE: 3-0-0

### **1 day all alcohol license – VFW Post #2425 – Spaghetti supper – 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., 1/31/15**

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

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **Update – 185 Wareham Street**

A deed and accompanying easement for 185 Wareham Street were reviewed and briefly discussed. Mr. Dawson explained that once the deed and easement are authorized a closing will be scheduled to convey the land to Habitat for Humanity and a dwelling will be constructed on the site.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the execution of both the Deed and accompanying Easement with respect to the land at 185 Wareham Street, a portion of which, having been authorized by Town Meeting, is being transferred to the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Henry thanked all of the individuals and boards who worked together to make the project possible.

### **Discussion Regarding Letter from Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Joyce has submitted a letter indicating that he will be retiring on or about June 30, 2015. Mr. Dawson asked the Board for guidance regarding the process of recruiting a new Fire Chief. It was agreed that the process would take approximately six months, the search would extend to outside of the department, and a job description will be reviewed at the Board's next meeting.

### **Update – NPDES permit issues**

Mr. Dawson said the request to extend the comment period to 180 days was denied; EPA did inform the Town that due to the holiday schedule the comment period will close on February 2.

At their December 30 meeting the selectmen authorized Mr. Dawson to reach out to a Washington, DC law firm (Hall & Associates). Mr. Hall is an environmental engineer, has devoted his practice to this type of issue, and the firm is representing a number of Massachusetts communities, particularly within the Taunton River Basin. CDM Smith representatives and Mr. Dawson will meet with Mr. Hall next Monday and will ask him to review the draft permit and

the Town's responses. They will also discuss with him whether it would make sense to join forces with the other communities as there is some concern regarding the science used by EPA to derive the numbers included in the draft permits.

Mr. Dawson requested that the selectmen authorize Mr. Hall to read the draft permit and Town's responses, meet and discuss with CDM Smith the science used, and review whatever options are available; the selectmen were also requested to authorize Mr. Dawson to spend no more than \$5000 for those tasks. The funds would come out of the existing legal services budget and no additional appropriation or transfer would be required. Mr. Dawson emphasized that this does not mean that legal services will be engaged from this firm for the long term.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize Mr. Dawson to spend no more than \$5000 for Mr. Hall to read the draft permit and Town's responses, meet and discuss with CDM Smith the science uses, and review available options. VOTE: 3-0-0

CDM Smith has submitted a scope of work and proposed contract for services associated with the initial review of and comments related to the draft permit. The selectmen were requested to authorize Mr. Dawson to execute the contract at a cost of \$58,000. The funds will come out of the Sewer Department budget line items for engineering services and contract services. The money is in the budget and no additional appropriation or transfer will be needed. Mr. Dawson cautioned that if any other sewer issues should come up it would be necessary to seek approval from the Finance Committee to take money from the funds from the reserve fund.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to authorize Mr. Dawson to sign the contract with CDM Smith for an amount not to exceed \$58,000.

Mr. Dawson said it was likely that a Special Meeting would be called next week for the selectmen to review and approve the comments prior to the February 2 deadline.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

#### **#8- Letter from Governor Baker regarding Chapter 90 funds**

#### **#2 - Letter from Sippican Lands Trust requesting approval to mark trails**

This request will be addressed at a future meeting; OSAC will be asked to provide a comment on this request.

#### **#9 - Email from SRPEDD regarding Regional Bicycle Plan Open Houses**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

  
Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: February 3, 2015

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – January 20, 2015**

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Proposed deed and easement - 185 Wareham Street  
Letter from Fire Chief announcing retirement on or about June 30, 2015  
Copy of letter from Building Commissioner regarding 99 Perry’s Lane, Rochester  
Letter from Sippican Lands Trust requesting approval to mark trails  
Letter from Governor Baker regarding Chapter 90 funds  
ZBA notice of decision – 22 Wilson Road  
Letter from NSTAR regarding request to increase gas distribution rates  
Letter from EPA regarding request for extension of public notice  
ZBA notice of decision – 85 Dexter Road  
ZBA notice of decision – 214 Delano Road  
Email from SRPEDD regarding Regional Bicycle Plan Open Houses  
ZBA notice of decision – 14 Bayview Road  
ZBA notice of decision – 15 Hiller Street  
Notice of public review – NSTAR 2015 Vegetation Management Program  
Copy of letter from Conservation Commission to MOSAC regarding Grassi Bog and Washburn Park

**OTHER BOARDS**

Meeting minutes - Upper Cape School Committee (10/9/14, 11/13/14, 12/11/14)  
Meeting minutes - ZBA (12/11/14)  
Meeting minutes – Music Hall Advisory Committee (11/17/14)