

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
February 20, 2007  
Agenda**

SIGNING OF WARRANTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPOINTMENTS:           7:05 p.m.   Ray E. Pickles, Acting Clerk, re annual Town election

ACTION ITEMS:           1. Vote on increased mooring fees  
                              2. Appointment, Jeff Oakes, Pathways Committee  
                              3. Appointment of Alisha Chandler, Special Police Officer (expiration  
                              of probationary period)  
                              4. One-day, all-alcohol license, VFW Post #2425, 3/20, 6-11 p.m.

TOWN  
ADMINISTRATOR:       1. Sewer abatement request, 15 Puckerbrush Way  
                              2. Request for driveway fewer than 10' from Town property  
                              (Planting Island causeway)  
                              3. Draft Appointment/Reappointment Guidelines

CORRESPONDENCE:      1. From James Gurney, OSAC, re vacancy  
                              2. From Old Rochester Regional School District re budget meeting  
                              3. From Old Rochester Regional School District re waiver of  
                              building use charges for the Marion Board of Health  
                              4. From MassHousing re extension of Baywatch Project Eligibility  
                              Letter  
                              5. From Comcast re contribution to PEG access

COMMITTEE UPDATE, if necessary

ANY OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Andrew N. Jeffrey, Board members Jonathan F. Henry and Roger F. Blanchette and Town Administrator Paul F. Dawson. Also present were Lee Craver, Stephen M. Cushing, Kenneth J. Souza of *The Wanderer*, Brian Fraga of the *Standard-Times*, Ruth Thompson of *The Sentinel*, Robert Slagel of the *Tri-Town Observer*, Carol Sanz and Helene Craver, secretary.

The Board reviewed correspondence, including a letter from the Open Space Acquisition Commission recommending Randy Parker as a member until the next election. Mr. Jeffrey recalled that Mr. Henry had mentioned that the Commission had expressed interest in having someone fill the vacancy and now the Commission had written to suggest that Randy Parker take on that role.

**Mr. Henry moved** the appointment of Randy Parker to the Open Space Acquisition Commission until the next election; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pickles then met with the Board to discuss the timing of the Town election. Mr. Pickles said that, under the current by-law, the election creates problems for the Clerk and it would be better to move the election to the Friday after Town Meeting. Mr. Pickles said that this move would eliminate the conflict with the Memorial Day weekend and would bring the election back to where it always was before the recent change. Mr. Dawson said that this change would take a change in the by-law, which necessitates a Warrant Article, Town Meeting vote and approval by the Attorney General. Mr. Blanchette agreed that this would be a useful change; Mr. Henry agreed.

Mr. Pickles reported that he had received a 2010 federal census packet and letter from the Secretary of State requesting that a contact person be named for the census. Mr. Pickles suggested that Registrar Andrea Keene be appointed for this purpose. Mr. Henry said that this was a good idea.

**Mr. Henry moved** to appoint Andrea Keene as contact person for the 2010 census; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Regarding the request by the Harbormaster and Marine Resources Commission for an increase in the mooring fees, Mr. Jeffrey noted that he had heard no objections to the proposal and thinks the increases are fair.

**Mr. Henry moved** the mooring fee increases as in the proposal submitted February 6, 2007; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Mr. Henry moved** to appoint Jeffrey Oakes a member of the Pathways Committee; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Mr. Blanchette moved** the appointment of Alisha Chandler as a Special Police Officer; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Mr. Henry moved** one-day alcohol license for VFW Post #2425 on March 10, 2007; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson reported that the Town had received an application for an abatement of the sewer betterment assessment from the Cowells at 15 Puckerbrush Way. Mr. Dawson explained that he had checked with the Department of Public Works and researched a breakdown of the costs, which are consistent with the charges assessed on everyone else. Mr. Dawson explained that he could find no discrepancy and recommended the Board deny the request for an abatement.

**Mr. Blanchette moved** to deny the abatement request; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson explained that the owner of property on Planting Island currently has a large driveway abutting Town land (the causeway) and wishes to replace the present driveway with a smaller one within 10' of the property line. Mr. Dawson explained that, in accordance with the zoning by-laws, the property owner must seek the Town's (abutter's) permission to build the driveway in the new location. Mr. Dawson reported that the relocation of the driveway will result in more green space and he recommends the Board approve the request.

**Mr. Henry moved** to grant permission to the property owner of Map 3, lot 74 to relocate the driveway closer than 10' of the property line; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson reported that he had received notification this afternoon of a February 26 wind power meeting; Messrs. Henry and Blanchette agreed to attend.

Mr. Dawson presented a draft of appointment/reappointment guidelines, which he requested the Board review. Mr. Dawson noted that he had tried to address the Board's areas of concern, including better communication during the process. Mr. Jeffrey said that he had been working with Mr. Dawson on this process and he was hopeful that these guidelines would not make it burdensome on the volunteers they are trying to attract. Mr. Jeffrey said that these guidelines would require an individual to actually apply for a position—reappointment would not be automatic. Mr. Jeffrey said that the Board may wish to conduct an actual interview of an applicant, if the committee Chairman did not recommend reappointment. Mr. Jeffrey suggested the guidelines be distributed to the various committees with a Board vote to be taken April 3.

**Mr. Henry moved** to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Roger F. Blanchette, Clerk

Date: 3/6/07