

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

**March 4, 2008**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Chairman Roger F. Blanchette, Board members Andrew N. Jeffrey and Jonathan F. Henry and Town Administrator Paul F. Dawson. Also present were Lee Craver, Police Chief Lincoln W. Miller, candidate for Special Police Officer Matthew Cooper, Andrea Smith of the *Tri-Town Observer*, Ruth Thompson of *The Sentinel*, Stephen M. Cushing, Carol Sanz, Eunice Manduca, Town Counsel Jonathan Witten and Helene Craver, secretary.

The Board signed the weekly warrants.

The Board met with Chief Miller, who introduced Officer Cooper, and requested the Board appoint him as a Special Police Officer, effective immediately. Chief Miller explained that this appointment would fill a vacancy; additional hours would not be added.

**Mr. Jeffrey moved** to approve Chief Miller's recommendation to appoint Matthew Cooper as a Special Police Officer; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Mr. Jeffrey moved** one-day, special alcohol licenses for the Music Hall on 3/29, the Marion Art Center for 2/29 and 3/1-3/8 and Silvershell Beach for 8/7/08; Mr. Jeffrey retracted the motion.

**Mr. Jeffrey moved** one-day, special alcohol licenses for the Music Hall on 3/29 and Silvershell Beach on 8/7/08; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Mr. Jeffrey moved** to approve the list of Fire Department vehicles submitted by Chief Guerzoni as surplus property; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson explained that, at the time of the sewer extension project was being active in Dexter Beach, a vacant lot had a stub installed on assessors' map 5A, lot 158, which has since been incorporated into an abutting lot and the property owner has applied for an abatement of the sewer extension charge for the second stub.

**Mr. Henry moved** the sewer abatement as recommended; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

In response to letters of resignation from the Community Preservation Committee and Open Space Acquisition Commission from Priscilla Bradley and from the Bird Island Lighthouse Restoration Committee from Charles Bradley, Mr. Blanchette read the following letters into the record:

"Dear Charlie:

"Your resignation from the Bird Island Lighthouse Restoration Committee was accepted with regret.

"Throughout your career with the Town of Marion, you have proved over and over your love for the bay, the harbor and its wildlife. No one could ever question your dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the waters and shoreline of Buzzards Bay. Your inspired work on Bird Island is a unique and treasured legacy to the Town.

"On behalf of the residents of Marion, thank you for all the hard work and care you have given to Marion's waters and beaches."

"Dear Priscilla:

"At a regular meeting held February 19, the Marion Board of Selectmen received your resignations from the Community Preservation Committee and Open Space Acquisition Commission, which were accepted with regret.

"Although your reason for leaving these groups is a happy one, your efforts and talent will be missed. Your work on Open Space and since the inception of the Community Preservation Committee have contributed much to Marion and our plans for the Town's direction and goals. Both these groups are instrumental in our future and your participation was helpful and valuable.

"Thank you again for all your work. We wish you an easy commute and success in your new job."

**Mr. Henry moved** a common victualler's license for Rose and Vicki's Restaurant; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Music Hall Advisory Committee recommended the transfer of \$1,000 from the Music Hall Endowment Fund to be expended to replace the handicapped door and back entrance to the Music Hall. Mr. Dawson noted that there had been serious water damage to the area.

**Mr. Jeffrey moved** to approve the request; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

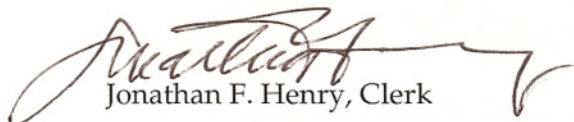
**Mr. Henry moved** the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Hamish Gravem be appointed to the Police Station Building Committee; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Dawson reported that the Police Station Building Committee had concluded that the need to replace the police station still exists (in spite of the rejection of the override requests in the past) and would like to move ahead with a more palatable plan for the residents with some cost savings in an Article for the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Dawson reported that February 29 had been the deadline to submit Articles for the Annual Town Meeting and that he has received three petition Articles: a recall of elected officials by-law, a reconsideration of the ambulance billing plan and a request to accept the report of the EMS Financial Review Committee.

**Mr. Blanchette moved** to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purposes of union negotiations, to consider disciplinary action and to discuss litigation and not to reconvene in open session; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously, Messrs. Blanchette, Jeffrey and Henry voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan F. Henry, Clerk

Date approved: