

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

November 2, 2010

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Blanchette, Chairman
Stephen Cushing

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Henry, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Eunice Manduca
Norman Hills
Bill Saltonstall
David Pierce
Laura Pedulli (Wanderer)
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House.

NOTE: A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting shall be attached to these minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting. VOTE: 2-0-0

APPOINTMENTS:

Discussion and Vote – Proposed Investment Policy

Treasurer/Collector Gary Carreiro was present to explain the proposed policy. The Town currently does not have an investment plan in place but follows the requirements of Massachusetts Legal List Chapter 167, Section 15A. One grammatical change (replace i.e. with e.g.) was agreed to.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to accept the policy with the change noted. VOTE: 2-0-0

Alternative Energy Committee – Great Hill Wind Study

Committee members Norman Hills, Bill Saltonstall, and David Pierce were present for this discussion. Last year the Committee met with the Board and gave the following information:

A met tower had been installed at Great Hill and was collecting data

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative had contracted for a feasibility study to go along with the data.

A local bylaw was being developed.

Since last year the bylaw was presented and approved at Town Meeting.

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative is now part of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

The met tower was removed on July 31 after providing one year of data and the data was made part of the revised feasibility study.

The Committee reviewed the feasibility study and submitted comments to a representative of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. The representative will provide the comments to the engineering firm. The data indicates sufficient wind at the location; however, further studies are required and no funding is currently available for those studies. Mr. Hills explained that when the Memorandum of Agreement was signed with the Great Hill Trust one of the commitments was to form a six member committee to take the results of the feasibility study and proceed with the lease to install a turbine. The committee would consist of three members of the Great Hill Trust and three members of the community.

Mr. Saltonstall said the feasibility study shows that a turbine, while expensive, could be a good project for the town. The cost would be approximately \$5 million with payback by five or six years. Mr. Saltonstall suggested the three community representatives on the committee be one of the Selectmen, a member of the Finance Committee, and a member of the Alternative Energy Committee. It was agreed that committee members will be appointed at the November 16 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Cemetery Commission

A vacancy on the Cemetery Commission was announced.

2. Water Commitment - \$550

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the water commitment for \$550, dated October 22, 2010. VOTE: 2-0-0

3. Water Commitment - \$10,825

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the water commitment for \$10,825, dated October 25, 2010. VOTE: 2-0-0

4. Water Commitment - \$1095

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5. Discussion – Building Inspector

Mr. Blanchette stated that this decision has been postponed for the past two meetings. A memo from Mr. Dawson, dated November 2, was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Blanchette noted that in the past the Town had a Building Commissioner who worked part time because he had a full time inspector working for him. Mr. Dawson said the position has been full-time for the past 5-7 years.

Mr. Dawson described the certification requirements for Building Inspectors and also for Building Commissioners.

Mr. Dawson recommended that the position remain full time and that the Board appoint Interim Building Commissioner Scott Shippey to the position of Building Commissioner.

Mr. Cushing agreed with filling a position from known resources; he described Mr. Shippey as a dedicated person who has worked for the Town for a number of years and takes pride in what he does.

Mr. Blanchette said the position has been full time for several years, should remain full time, and should be filled by Mr. Shippey.

Mr. Cushing said he would have liked for Mr. Henry to be present but this decision has been put off a couple of times now for various and valid reasons.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to go with the recommendation of the Town Administrator to appoint Scott Shippey as the Building Commissioner, full time. VOTE: 2-0-0

6. Vote – ORCTV one-year extension agreement

At a recent Tri-Town meeting the Selectmen from the three communities voted to extend the ORCTV contract for a one-year period. The agreement before the Board tonight requires a vote as Marion Selectmen. The Rochester Selectmen approved the extension last night and Mr. Dawson does not know when the Mattapoisett Selectmen will vote on it. Mr. Cushing asked Mr. Dawson if he approved of the wording and was told yes.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the one-year extension to the existing agreement. VOTE: 2-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Update – Town House Issues

Mold Remediation – A civil engineer has been hired to develop a plan to keep water from infiltrating into the basement. GAF Engineering was selected and three test pits were dug around the building to determine the flow of the water. That data is being analyzed and reports will be issued. Initial tests indicate that the problem is not insurmountable.

Existing Conditions Survey – VanVoorhis Architects have been hired and will be onsite this week taking measurements and photographs of the entire building; civil engineers will be looking at the heating and ventilation systems.

2. October 2, 2010 accident

A Water Department vehicle was involved in an accident on October 2. The employee driving the Town vehicle was not at fault, there were no injuries, and repair of the vehicle will not result in any cost to the Town.

3. Town House sign

Upper Cape Regional High School is in the process of making the sign.

4. Special Selectmen's Meeting (November 3)

Mr. Dawson reminded the Board of tomorrow night's Special Selectmen's meeting (7:00 p.m. at the Police Station). Members of the Rochester Board of Selectmen and Board of Health were invited to discuss the perchlorate discovered in the West well, located within the town of Rochester. A member of the Marion Board of Health is expected to attend the meeting as well.

5. Discussion and vote – Telecom Audit Services

The Chambers Advisory Group will be doing a full telecom audit (telephone lines, cell phones, faxes, internet service) to determine whether the Town is being billed properly. They will perform the audit free of charge, generate a report, seek refunds and/or credits, and make the necessary billing changes. The fee for the service is 50% of the documented savings for the first year. After the first year the Town's obligation is complete and the savings will be 100%. The first step of the process is authorization for the Chambers Advisory Group to perform the study; Mr. Dawson is asking for the Board's authorization to execute the study. He has investigated other companies and recommends this one.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to authorize the Town Administrator to begin discussions for telecom audit services. VOTE: 2-0-0

6. Flu Clinic

The Board of Health will be holding a flu clinic tomorrow at the Sippican School from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

7. Water Account Settlement

A settlement has been reached in a delinquent water account; it is the opinion and recommendation of Town Counsel that the Board agree to the terms of settlement.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the agreed payment order as presented and also to authorize Town Counsel to sign the agreement. VOTE: 2-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE –

Christopher Adams, Marion Recreation Committee (undated)

Mr. Adams has submitted a letter indicating his resignation from the Marion Recreation Committee.

Marion Business Community Association (dated 10/15/10)

The letter was the annual street closure request for the Christmas Stroll, planned to be held Sunday, December 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to approve the request from the Marion Business Community Association for the 16th Annual Christmas Stroll on Sunday, December 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. VOTE: 2-0-0

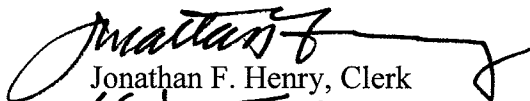
Division of Marine Fisheries (11/1/10)

The letter was a notification that the Sippican Harbor is open to shellfishing from November 1 to May 31.

Mr. Cushing asked if the privilege stickers could be slightly smaller; Mr. Blanchette said he had made that request six months ago. Mr. Dawson said he would discuss this with the Harbormaster's secretary

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 2-0-0

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan F. Henry, Clerk
16 Nov 10
Date approved:

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