

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
December 20, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jonathan Henry, Chairman  
Roger Blanchette  
Stephen Cushing, Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Eunice Manduca  
Carol Sanz  
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)  
Laura Pedulli (Wanderer)  
Jennifer Heshion (Sippican Week)  
Debra Paiva, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 shall be attached to these minutes.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Vote – Scope of services and project budget – Water Division Rules & Regulations update**

Mr. Dawson described the proposal and explained that the existing rules need to be updated to be meet compliance with current standards. The proposed budget is \$10,500. Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to adopt the policy and proposed budget of \$10,500. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water Abatement Request – 26 Beach Street, Julie Albert**

The reason for the sudden spike in consumption was due to five prior billing cycles of estimated bills (the property owner never returned the reading cards or responded to requests to access the meter for readings.) When the new meters were installed an actual reading was obtained. The Water Department recommends that some of the usage be billed at a lower billing tier, resulting in an abatement of water and sewer costs of \$1829.26.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the abatement of \$1829.26. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water Commitment – Miscellaneous - \$1334.60 (12/13/11)**

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

**Water Commitment – Final Readings - \$356.57 (12/16/11)**

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

**Water Abatement Request – 4 Reservation Way, Frederico Medina Jr.**

The abatement is requested due to an unusually high consumption. A leak test was performed with no leaks were detected, and the new meter tested fine. Research of the account revealed a slightly lower usage in the last bill; Mr. Zora suggests the previous reading submitted by the property owner might have been incorrect. After discussion it was agreed to defer action until the Board knew whether there was a sprinkler system on the property.

**Water Abatement Request – 8 Lady Slipper Lane, Carol Rhoads**

Reports showing daily and hourly water use were reviewed and discussed; the reports showed numerous spikes in use. Mr. Dawson said the suspicion in this case is directed toward the irrigation system because the spikes in use between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. stopped once the irrigation system was shut off. A memo from Mr. Zora indicates that the DPW has no basis to agree to an abatement of the bill.

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

**Discussion and vote – Proposed Mooring Regulation**

The proposed regulation, which addresses transient moorings, was reviewed. The following issues were discussed: fees, commercial moorings, emergencies involving transient vessels, and identification of transient moorings.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the regulation. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Appointments to EMS**

A memo from Chief Joyce dated December 20 was reviewed and discussed.

Chief Joyce requested the appointment of Joshua Morgan to EMS.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to appoint Joshua Morgan as a full time EMT with EMS. VOTE: 3-0-0

Chief Joyce also requested the appointment of several members of the Fire Department to EMS.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint the following Fire Department EMTs to EMS: Allen Denham, Brooks Wilson, Michael Bentz, Joseph Dayton, Jason Denham, Joshua Denham, Joshua Fardy, Eric Fichtenmayer, James Monteiro, Adam Murphy, Scott Shippey, Matthew Van Deusen. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Ratify DPW Contract**

A memo from Mr. Dawson highlighting the contract for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014 was reviewed.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to ratify the contract. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Discussion – Marion Town House Advisory Committee**

A proposed charge to the committee was read into the record and discussed.

The following Boards will be represented on the committee:  
Finance Committee – Steve Grima, CIPC – Rico Ferrari, Planning Board – Jay Ryder.  
The citizens at large who have applied are Margo Steinberg, Neal Balboni, William Johnston, Robert Raymond, Eric Radin, Charles Gricus, Patricia Charyk (nominated by Nancy Braitmayer), Michael Sudofsky, and W. Dale Jones. It was noted that Mr. Grima is an alternate, not full, member of the Finance Committee. After discussion it was agreed to postpone the appointments to the committee until the next meeting. Mr. Dawson will request that the Finance Committee representative be a full member of the Finance Committee.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

### **Discussion – Maintenance of Washburn Park Road**

The Recreation Director has requested that the road shavings from the Converse Road overlay be spread on Washburn Park Road from Route 105 to the park area. The materials are stockpiled at DPW. Mr. Henry described the existing condition of the subgrade and suggested redesign of the road by the UMass Dartmouth Engineering Department. Mr. Dawson said he would ask Mr. Dickerson to reach out to the school.

### **Budget Update**

Mr. Dawson said the Boards and department heads have been asked to submit two budgets (level fund and level services) and the budget process is underway. Mr. Blanchette said the DPW budget should be planned to allow for the repair and maintenance of roads that have fallen into disrepair. Mr. Dawson said he would ask Mr. Zora to provide a road and sidewalk maintenance program.

### **NSTAR Vegetation Management Plan, Utility Pruning**

The Tree Warden is working with NSTAR in identifying trees that might need to be removed. Mr. Dawson said the survey is the beginning of a long process, including a public hearing, prior to the removal of trees.

### **Upcoming Holiday Schedule**

Mr. Dawson announced that Town Hall will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

### **Correspondence from Tabor Academy**

A letter was received today from Tabor Academy regarding a recent accident involving two students who were in a crosswalk and struck by a car. The school is installing crosswalk safety signs and a device announcing the speed of oncoming cars. Board members voiced support for the installation of the signs.

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing to approve the letter from Mr. Stroud dated December 20, 2011, and that the letter be entered into the record of the meeting. VOTE: 3-0-0

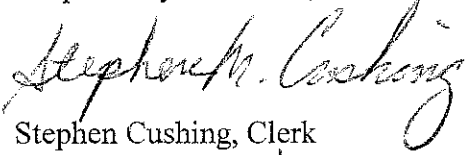
## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The reading of the correspondence into the record was waived.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Mr. Blanchette and seconded by Mr. Cushing at 8:40 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for discussion of ongoing litigation and to consider the purchase of real property after which the Board will not be returning to regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Cushing, Clerk

Date approved: 1/3/12

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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING**

Meeting minutes – December 6, 2011  
Proposed scope of services and project budget – Water Division Rules & Regulations update  
Water abatement request – 26 Beach Street, Julie Albert  
Water Commitment – Miscellaneous - \$1334.60 (12/13/11)  
Memo from Mr. Dawson requesting ratification of DPW contract (12/20/11)  
Memo from Mr. Dawson, letters of interest, and applications regarding Town House Advisory Committee  
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Water abatement request – 4 Reservation Way, Frederico Medina, Jr.  
Water abatement request – 8 Lady Slipper Lane, Carol Rhoads  
Letter from Harbormaster regarding proposed mooring regulation (11/22/11)  
Memo from Chief Joyce requesting EMS appointments (12/20/11)  
NSTAR Vegetation Management Plan  
Email from Department of Revenue regarding Notification of Certification (12/8/11)  
Letter from Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding WWTP lagoons (12/8/11)  
Copy of letter to Building commissioner regarding 119 Wareham Street (12/13/11)  
Email regarding MMA 2012 Annual Meeting & Trade Show (12/15/11)  
Letter from Town of Erving BOS regarding Electoral College Votes system (12/2/11)  
Copy of letter from Buzzards Bay Coalition regarding Mass. Estuaries Project (12/9/11)  
Letter from Tabor Academy regarding proposed crosswalk safety signs

**AGENDAS & MEETING MINUTES/OTHER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School District Committee meeting minutes  
(11/17/11)