

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

**March 12, 2014**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Judith Mooney, Finance Director  
Alan Minard  
Peter Winters  
Magherita Baldwin  
Hamish Gravem  
Norm Hills  
Fire Chief Joyce  
Jean Perry (Wanderer)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at 13 Atlantis Drive. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting will be attached to these minutes.

**Discussion regarding grant writer**

The following items were reviewed and discussed:

- Draft FY2015 level funded budget showing a revenue shortfall of approximately \$37,572
- Draft FY2015 level services budget showing a revenue shortfall of approximately \$51,555
- Memo dated February 28, 2014 from the Finance Committee chairman recommending the deletion of the grant writer position from the FY15 budget
- Grant writer's report to Selectmen and Finance Committee dated March 12

Mr. Minard said the Finance Committee would prefer to move forward with the level services budget, and for several years in a row certain departments have had to operate within level services budgets.

During the conversation the following issues were addressed:

Apportioning the deficit across the entire budget without cutting people or services

Having funds available to hire experts when grants become available

Hiring experts in certain areas with better results

Reducing some but not all of the funds

Rearranging the payment scheme

Allowing the grant writing program a certain amount of time to bring in more grant funds

Improving the Town's bond rating by reducing the use of free cash to balance the budget

Possibility of a structural budget deficit

Overcharges by the Upper Cape Regional School District

Items on the capital projects list (Fire Department, Facilities Manager, Harbor Master)

Fire Department call statistics

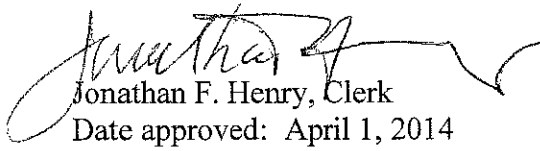
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Conducting quarterly meetings with the selectmen, department heads, Finance Committee, and Capital Improvements Planning Committee in attendance

It was agreed that the selectmen would continue the discussion regarding the grant writer position at their March 18 meeting.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Henry at 8:37 p.m. to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan F. Henry, Clerk  
Date approved: April 1, 2014

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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – March 12, 2014**

Memo from Finance Committee chairman (02/28/14)

March 12, 2014 report to Selectmen and Finance Committee submitted by Pamela Marean

Draft FY15 budget