

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Henry, Chairman
Jonathan Dickerson
Stephen Cushing

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
Shawn Syde (CDM-Smith)
Zach Eichenwald (CDM-Smith)
Robert Otoski (CDM-Smith)
Bernie Kolb (CDM-Smith) (participated by telephone)
Rob Zora (DPW)
Frank Cooper (DPW)
Ted North
Mike DeCicco (Standard Times)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Administrator's office. Mr. Henry announced that the meeting would be and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff. A list of the materials reviewed at the meeting will be attached to these minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion with CDM-Smith representatives regarding NPDES draft permit

CDM-Smith representatives met with the selectmen to discuss the NPDES draft permit and to review the comments that will be submitted to EPA. The deadline to submit the comments is February 6 (tomorrow). During the presentation and discussion the following issues were addressed:

- History of the treatment plant, which was built in the early 1970's
- Lagoons – unlined lagoons located on 20 acres, built in the early 1970's, and aerated in 2004
- Design
- General information regarding NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permits
- Permit renewal timeline
- Summary of the draft permit
- Comparison of the existing and the draft permits
- Impact on the Town to meet the requirements of the new permit

After the presentation Mr. Syde thanked Mr. Cooper and his staff for their assistance.

Audience questions:

Mr. North asked if the existing permit has expired; he was told: the permit has expired and is up for renewal; until a new permit is issued the plant will operate under the expired permit; a permit is active for five years; the permit application was submitted in 2011 and a response was

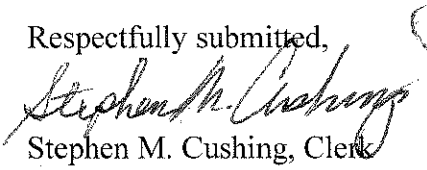
received in August, 2014; the interim standards will go into effect when the final permit is approved.

Mr. North asked what impact this will have on the existing 5 year village project and was told the village project will help the Town to comply with the new permit.

Mr. DeCicco asked what will be included in the comment letter and Mr. Dawson explained that the letter will question the science used, will introduce alternatives, and will indicate that EPA has made assumptions that may not be fact.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen M. Cushing, Clerk

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