

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Cushing, Chairman
Jonathan Henry
Jonathan Dickerson

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Miller
Harbormaster Isaac Perry
Assistant Harbormaster Adam Murphy
Doug Thackeray
Peter Wallace
Christine Reagle (Sentinel)
Jean Perry (Wanderer)
Matthew Bernat (Sippican Week)
John Garcia (Standard Times)
Debra Paiva, secretary
Others who did not sign in

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town House conference room. Mr. Cushing announced that the meeting would be televised and video recorded by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff and Standard Times staff.

Approval of meeting minutes – December 1, 2015, December 15, 2015, December 29, 2015
Moved by Mr. Henry Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to approve the meeting minutes.
VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Vote – ABCC Annual Report

The list of licenses required to be submitted to ABCC annually was reviewed.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the report. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water/Sewer commitment - \$20,914.50 – second bill run (12/17/15)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

Water/Sewer commitment - \$913,080.03 – Quarterly water & sewer billing (12/15/15)

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – clam boil – 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. (1/31/16)

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

Beverly Yacht Club – Request for approval of club officers

Manager Robert Shorter was present for this discussion and vote. The Beverly Yacht Club has elected new officers; ABCC rules require that the local licensing authority approve the new officers and then forward the information to ABCC for approval.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the application. VOTE: 3-0-0

APPOINTMENT

7:05 p.m. – Continued Public Hearing – Aquaculture application – Doug Thackeray

This public hearing was continued from November 17, 2015 to allow proper notification of abutters. Mr. Thackeray was present for the public hearing.

Abutter Peter Wallace was present and asked for assurance that the town will not be authorizing the marsh to be used as a staging area; he was told that would not be allowed by law and all work would be done off shore. He asked if Mr. Thackeray would work from a platform and was told he would be working from his boat, a 16' skiff. When Mr. Wallace's questions were answered he said that he had no objections to the proposal.

Harbormaster Perry said as long as shoreline access is guaranteed, which it is according to the charts, he had no problem with the request.

Recreational traffic in the area was briefly discussed.

There were no further questions or comments.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to close the public hearing. VOTE: 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Request of Chief Miller to appoint Special Officer – Adam Murphy

Chief Miller and Mr. Murphy were present for this discussion. Mr. Murphy is the Assistant Harbormaster and the request is for his one year probationary appointment as a special police officer in order to perform the law enforcement functions of the assistant harbormaster position.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the appointment. VOTE: 3-0-0

Ratify and execute contract – Part time Planner

The selectmen noted that while the funds to hire the part time planner were approved at Town Meeting, they wanted an opportunity to review the contract. Planning Board member Rico Ferrari explained that the employee was needed to attend a meeting on January 12. After discussion the selectmen agreed to schedule a special meeting on Friday, January 8 at 8:15 a.m. to discuss the contract.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to table. VOTE: 3-0-0

Sewer connection application - 475 Mill Street

The application was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Henry said one critical element prior to approval was an easement between the owner of the sewer line and the individual tying in. The selectmen also had questions regarding ownership of the property. It was agreed to table the request until additional information is received.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to table the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

Discussion regarding Elizabeth Taber Library director request for dedicated parking spaces

A request submitted by the director of the Elizabeth Taber Library was reviewed and discussed. The request is for dedicated parking spaces on Spring Street for library patrons. Chief Miller requested additional time to determine whether local employees are parking on the street and if the situation could be improved without restricting parking in the area.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to table the request. VOTE: 3-0-0

One day all alcohol license – VFW #2425 – birthday party – 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (1/16/16)

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to move the license. VOTE: 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Update – Electric Vehicle Incentive Program

It was agreed to pass over this item; Mr. Dickerson said he was aware that the grant application had been approved.

Discussion regarding 2016 EPA Southeast New England Program (SNEP) grant opportunity

Mr. Dickerson attended a meeting yesterday with Mr. Dawson, Mr. Zora, and members of the Buzzards Bay Action Committee. The towns of Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Wareham, and Acushnet have received a \$200,000 grant to map stormwater drains in those communities. During yesterday's meeting it was agreed that it made sense for the Town of Marion to participate and the only cost would be in-kind services (opening manhole covers from time to time.) A letter of support from the selectmen is requested.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to support the SNEP grant opportunity as just identified. VOTE: 3-0-0

Discussion regarding Assistant Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer position

Harbormaster Isaac Perry and Assistant Harbormaster Adam Murphy were present. Mr. Perry explained that the Harbormaster Department, which typically operates with three full time employees, currently is operating with two. He requested that the Board consider appointing Mr. Murphy to the Assistant Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer position. Mr. Cushing asked if Mr. Murphy had the certification required and was told he currently meets all of the State requirements to be a Shellfish Officer and also the requirements to be a full time Harbormaster. Mr. Cushing said it made sense to appoint an individual who is there, trained, knows the process and procedures, and is more than capable of doing the job.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Henry to move the appointment of Adam C. Murphy as Assistant Harbormaster/Shellfish Officer pending the approval of a contract. VOTE: 3-0-0

OTHER MATTERS

Discussion regarding letter of support for 2016 EPA Southeast New England Program (SNEP) grant opportunity

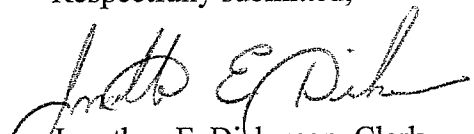
Mr. Ferrari said a subgroup of the Master Plan Subcommittee has met with Wareham representatives and is supporting a feasibility study to consider a regional sewer treatment plant. It was agreed to place this on the January 8 meeting agenda.

Announcement

Mr. Henry announced that he will not be seeking reelection at the conclusion of his term in May.

Moved by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Dickerson at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan E. Dickerson, Clerk
Date approved: January 19, 2016

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Letter regarding Electric Vehicles Incentive Program
Email and letter from Eileen Marum regarding parking on Mill Street
Notice from Verizon regarding Fios TV Channel and Programming Change
Email regarding January 27 Tri-Town Veterans Council meeting
Water/Sewer abatement request – 19 Pine Hill Lane
Letter from Judy (Hagemann) Mazurkiewicz regarding signage at former Frigate Restaurant
ZBA request for comments – Tabor Academy backstop
ZBA request for comments – 16 River Road
ZBA notice of decision – 444 Front Street
ZBA notice of decision – 60 South Street
Emergency Certification Form issued by ConCom – Ryder Lane outfall
Music Hall Advisory Committee request for funds

OTHER BOARDS

Meeting Minutes – Upper Cape Regional School District Committee (11/2/15)