

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 1, 2016**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Donna Hemphill  
Chris Berg  
Ted North  
Ron Auld  
Jodi Richards-Auld  
Brooks Wilson  
Tanner Harding, Sippican Week  
Jean Perry, Wanderer  
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. Dickerson announced that the meeting would be video recorded and televised by ORCTV and audio recorded by Town of Marion staff.

**Approval of meeting minutes – October 18, 2016**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to accept the minutes. VOTE: 3-0-0

**APPOINTMENT**

**7:05 p.m. – Town Party Committee**

Town Party Committee members Chris Berg and Donna Hemphill met with the selectmen. Mr. Berg reported that after expenses the committee was able to give to each \$3967.20. Letter of recognition and thanks to representatives of MFFA. Same amount given to Marion Rec Department. Acknowledged assistance from Marion Social Club and VFW for running party for many years. JD thanked TP Committee for their efforts.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Appointment to Capital Improvements Planning Committee – Julia Olsiewski**

An application for appointment and recommendation made by the committee chairman were reviewed and briefly discussed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to appoint Julia Olsiewski to the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Letter from Marion Business Community Association regarding Christmas Stroll**

A letter regarding the 2016 Christmas Stroll, scheduled to be held Sunday, December 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., was reviewed and briefly discussed.

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

**Letter from Charles Bradley regarding Little Free Library**

A letter from Charles Bradley, offering to donate and install a Little Free Library, was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that Mr. Bradley should work with the Facilities Manager to determine where the structure will be installed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to accept the donation. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Discussion – Email regarding speeding and littering**

An email from resident Chris Black regarding traffic speed along Route 6 was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that the email, along with a cover letter, will be forwarded to MassDOT and Representative Straus. Ms. Black’s email also included a complaint regarding littering; Mr. Cushing noted that he believes a large part of the problem is due to trash blowing out of vehicles on the way to the transfer station. Mr. Dickerson suggested participating in the “Adopt a Spot” program.

**Water/Sewer commitment – final readings - \$1112.47 (10/17/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Discussion - Planning Board request regarding SRPEDD services/hours**

Mr. Dawson explained that the Town of Marion receives from SRPEDD 40 hours of consulting services (20 hours for the Planning Board, 20 hours for the Board of Selectmen). The request is that the hours designated for the selectmen be turned over to the Planning Board and used for the development of the Master Plan update.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the request to give the selectmen’s 20 hours of SRPEDD time to the Planning Board. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water/Sewer commitment – final reading - \$66.48 (10/31/16)**

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to move the commitment. VOTE: 3-0-0

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Update – Acquisition of VFW Building**

Mr. Dawson told the selectmen that the title search has been done, the 21E report is underway, and Town Counsel is preparing the deed. Each of the selectmen indicated that they wanted to be present for the closing, the date of which has not yet determined.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the holiday schedule. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Update – Grassi Bog Wetlands Restoration Project**

The restoration project was put out to bid; Mr. Dawson reported that the bids ranged from \$63,500 to \$161,500 and all were in excess of the \$47,823 in grant funds allotted to the project. All of the bids will have to be rejected due to insufficient funding and the NCRS will be asked to provide additional funds.

**Discussion – Selectmen’s Annual Christmas Party**

The selectmen’s party will be on December 6.

**OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

**Trash pickup schedule**

Mr. Dawson announced that the trash pickup that would be otherwise scheduled for Friday, November 11 has been rescheduled to be picked up on Thursday, November 10.

**Ted North**

Mr. North made recommendations regarding the Town House renovations, composition of the Town House Building Committee, and strategy when negotiating PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreements with solar project developers.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves at 7:39 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to contract negotiations with non-Union personnel. The Board will not be returning to regular session. VOTE: A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk  
Date approved: November 15, 2016

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**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – November 1, 2016**

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2016

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Contract - CDM Smith – continuing NPDES support

Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Building Commissioner

Credit memo - \$1348.18 – (10/6/16)

Proposed Town House Holiday schedule

Notice of Emergency Shellfish Closure – Buzzards Bay

Memo regarding FY2018 Budget schedule

Request for appointment to Capital Improvements Planning Committee – Julia Olsiewski

Letter from concerned citizens regarding Town House Renovation Project – 10/11/16

Letter from Marion Business Community Association regarding Christmas Stroll – 10/11/16

Letter from Edwin North regarding Town House Renovation Project – 10/12/16

Letter from Joseph and Anne McDonough regarding Town House Renovation Project – 10/13/16

Letter from Bob Raymond, Chair of THBC, regarding Town House Renovation Project – 10/13/16

Letter from Division of Marine Fisheries regarding closure of Shellfishing in Marion – 10/14/16

ZBA request for comments – 21 West Avenue

Memo from Marion Affordable Housing Trust regarding VFW Post #2425 – (10/12/16)

Letter from Charles Bradley regarding Little Free Library

Email from MMA regarding Fall Conference for Selectmen

**OTHER BOARDS**

Meeting agenda – Planning Board (10/17/16)

Meeting minutes – Upper Cape School Committee (9/8/16)