

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 7, 2017**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Rob Zora  
Frank Cooper  
Nathaniel Munafò  
Arnold Briggs  
Danny Warren  
Phil Warren  
Margie Baldwin  
Vin Malkoski  
Norm Hills  
William Saltonstall  
Tinker Saltonstall  
John Rockwell  
Meg Steinberg  
Robert Raymond  
Rob Lane  
Chris Collings  
John Waterman  
Ed O'Connell  
Alan Minard  
Margaret Gee  
Robert Shorter  
Mike DeCicco, Standard Times  
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.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Tucker Francis.

**Approval of meeting minutes – December 20, 2016, January 3, 2017, January 17, 2017, April 1, 2014 Executive Session, May 6, 2014 Executive Session, July 15, 2014 Executive Session, August 5, 2014 Executive Session, September 2, 2014 Executive Session, September 16, 2014 Executive Session, October 7, 2014 Executive Session, November 4, 2014 Executive Session, December 9, 2014 Executive Session, December 30, 2014 Executive Session**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Credit memo – 383 Delano Road, \$1120.29 (1/13/17)**

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

**One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – family party 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (2/11/17)**

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

**Request to connect residential sump pump to stormwater collection system – 45 Spring Street**

The request was reviewed and briefly discussed.

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

**Water/Sewer commitment – final readings, \$623.79 (1/20/17)**

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

**Report to ABCC – temporary increased resident population (seasonal population)**

The report was reviewed and briefly discussed; the July 10, 2017 seasonal population is estimated to be 5702.

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

**Water/Sewer commitment – final readings & FRMA - \$3485.41 (1/25/17)**

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

**Water/Sewer commitment – new services - \$31,700 (1/27/17)**

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

**Water/Sewer commitment – final readings - \$260.35 (2/1/17)**

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

**Water/Sewer commitment – quarterly water & sewer billing - \$925,690.99 (12/16/16)**

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

**7:15 p.m. – Danny Warren – Warren Environmental**

Mr. Warren provided a presentation describing specialty epoxy coatings and methods used to coat water and sewer pipes. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Warren would meet with Mr. Zora and provide a demonstration.

**7:40 p.m. – Master Plan Open Space Subcommittee**

Subcommittee chair Margie Baldwin and members Vincent Malkoski, Norm Hills, William Saltonstall, Tinker Saltonstall, and John Rockwell were present to discuss a “Stewards of Community Open Space Concept.” Mrs. Baldwin requested that the selectmen create a committee to “develop, maintain and advocate for a comprehensive and integrated plan for the use and management of open space land”. The committee would initially consist of members of the Conservation Commission, Marine Resources Commission, Pathways Committee, Open Space Acquisition Commission, Planning Board, Recreation Department, Tree & Parks Committee, Trustees of Washburn Park, and the Sippican Lands Trust. When the concept was voted on at a subcommittee meeting Mr. Rockwell voted in opposition. Mr. Dickerson voiced support for the concept but expressed concern that two of the groups (Sippican Lands Trust, Trustees of Washburn Park) were private organizations. He noted that the proposal described the composition of the committee as “initial” and asked if that would change at a future time. Mr. Gonsalves voiced support for the request. Mr. Cushing asked if the group would make recommendations on what the parcels of open space would be used for.

After discussion the selectmen agreed to further discuss the request at a future meeting.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to continue to March 7, 2017. VOTE: 3-0-0

**7:50 p.m. – Town House Building Committee**

Committee chair Bob Raymond was present with members Meg Steinberg and William Saltonstall to request selectmen approval to submit the committee’s chosen Town House renovation plan (option 3A) to the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and then to Town Meeting. Option 3A is a 50% reduction of the project and involved the demolition of the rear portion of the building and renovation of the front portion. Phase 2 of the option includes the potential for a meeting room addition.

The recent survey mailed with the census was discussed. Question 1 asked if the Town House should remain where it is and Question 2 asked if the Town House should move to a new building on the VFW property. Mr. Dawson provided the following results:

Question 1	514	55%
Question 2	376	40%
Others	41	4%
Total	931	

Mr. Gonsalves noted that the Town House structure would remain in the Village whether it was renovated for Town offices or sold to a private developer. He stated that he did not return his survey as it did not provide enough information for him to make a decision.

Mr. Dickerson said the residents should be able to vote on the issue at the ballot box.

Robert Lane 168 Point Road, said moving forward without independent review would result in a bitterly divided town.

Chris Collings, 13 River Road, suggested that the Town House be given to a tax free group to raise funds and restore it for a different use and that a new building for municipal use be constructed at the VFW site.

John Waterman, 2 Main Street, said option 3A is an attractive option and suggested that another new building design be provided to allow comparison before making a decision.

Ed O’Connell, 30 Alden Road, noted that the options provided were focused on the existing Town House and he would like to see what the alternative options are. Mr. Raymond described the initial study regarding the new building design, said the building could be placed at the VFW site, and it has been reduced to 13,000 square feet.

Mr. Gonsalves noted that \$350,000 has been spent so far and asked what harm would be caused by requesting \$25,000 - \$40,000 at Town Meeting for an independent study.

John Waterman said no matter how much time and money has been spent on the renovation option if it turns out there’s a better way to go it has to be looked at.

Norm Hills, 680 Front Street, noted that there is a plan for a new building and asked why it is being ignored. Mr. Raymond explained that it’s been presented at every public forum of the committee but it is not as highly developed as the other plans. Mr. Dawson explained that originally the committee was charged with looking at a number of options and after a lot of analysis the selectmen instructed the committee to move forward with the option of renovating the Town House and those plans became more developed.

Alan Minard 123 Allen’s Point Road, urged the selectmen to not move forward with the plan. He noted that there is a citizens petition requesting \$35,000 for an independent study so two options can be considered at the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Cushing said the committee has done an enormous amount of work

Margaret Gee, 73 Allen Street, said another important component of the conversation is where the new building will be located.

Mr. Raymond said he is comfortable with a study being done because it will validate everything the committee has done.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to table until after Town Meeting the request of the Town House Building Committee regarding Option 3A. VOTE: 3-0-0

**ACTION ITEM**

**Beverly Yacht Club request for approval of new directors**

Club manager Robert Shorter was present. The application was reviewed and the list of new directors was read into the record.

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

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

**Update – Public transportation**

Mr. Dawson has been notified of a partnership between GATRA and SRTA that will provide some public transportation to Marion residents; distribution of the bus route schedule was discussed.

**Update & Discussion – Changes to Public Records Law**

Draft Public Records Access Guidelines were reviewed; it was agreed that the Board will vote on the guidelines at the February 21 meeting.

**Update – Town House Survey**

This information was provided during the discussion with the Town House Building Committee.

**Town Meeting Business – Citizen Petitions**

Mr. Dawson informed the selectmen that three Citizen Petitions have been received and they will be placed on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

**Discussion regarding rubbish packer**

Mr. Dawson requested selectmen approval for the Department of Public Works to request a reserve fund transfer of \$25,000 for the purchase of a used rubbish packer (1998 GMC 8500 20 yard body.) He explained that one of the articles planned to be on the Annual Town Meeting warrant is a request for \$235,000 to purchase a new rubbish packer; however, the Town’s contract with SEMASS will expire in 2020 and the Town of Marion will need to consider privatizing rubbish pickup. If the used vehicle is purchased the request for funds to purchase a new packer will not be placed on the warrant. Mr. Zora explained that he rented the truck a few weeks ago and it is a good, sound truck.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the pursuit of the used truck and to request a reserve fund transfer from the Finance Committee. VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Cushing announced that his term is expiring this year and he will not be seeking reelection.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves at 9:47 p.m. to adjourn. VOTE: 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk  
Date approved: February 21, 2017

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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – February 7, 2017**

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Information packet - Warren Environmental

Master Plan Open Space Subcommittee proposal (Stewards of Community Open Space Concept)

Town House Building Committee request to submit Capital Project Request Form

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Public transportation schedule

Draft Public Records Access Guidelines

Memo providing results of Town House survey

Information regarding citizen petitions

Information from Mr. Zora regarding used rubbish packer

Memo from Planning Board regarding Marion Town House survey

ZBA request for comments – 324 Front Street

Planning Board request for comments – 172 & 177 Spring Street

Letter from Hugh Dyer III regarding Town House renovations

Letter from American Tower regarding current ground lease (01/19/17)

Letter from Arthur & Gail Mitton regarding aquaculture (01/26/17)

Letter from xfinity accompanying Form 500 (01/30/16)

Updated contact information – Comcast (01/27/17)

Letter from John Waterman regarding Town House renovations (01/23/17)

Letter from Verizon accompanying Form 500 (01/31/17)

Marion Art Center request regarding Arts in the Park

Copy of letter to The Wanderer regarding Town of Marion staff

Letter from Joseph McDonough regarding Town House renovations (01/31/17)

Email from Sally Durfee regarding donation of property (0 Front Street, parcel 0023-0085c)

**OTHER BOARDS**

Meeting minutes - Upper Cape School Committee (12/8/16)

Public hearing notice – Planning Board, Bylaw amendment

Public hearing notice – Planning Board, reclassification of lots

Public hearing notice – Planning Board, site plan review – 173 & 177 Spring Street

Meeting agenda – Planning Board, 2/6/17