

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2017**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Paul Dawson, Town Administrator  
Chris Thibeault  
Jennifer Thibeault  
Priscilla Ditchfield  
Heather Sylvia, Director, Council on Aging  
Paul Naiman  
Carol Sanz  
Steve Nojeim  
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.

**Approval of meeting minutes – February 7, 2017, February 3, 2015 Executive Session, March 3, 2015 Executive Session, March 17, 2015 Executive Session, April 7, 2015 Executive Session, May 5, 2015 Executive Session, May 19, 2015 Executive Session, June 2, 2015 Executive Session, June 11, 2015 Executive Session, June 16, 2015 Executive Session, June 29, 2015 Executive Session**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – steak dinner 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (3/5/17)**

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

**One day all alcohol license – Marion Social Club – chicken barbecue 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (4/9/17)**

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

**Vote – IRS 2017 mileage reimbursement rate**

A memo from Finance Director Judith Mooney advising that the IRS mileage reimbursement rate for calendar year has been set at 0.53¢ per mile was reviewed and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to accept the 2017 IRS mileage reimbursement rate. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Marion Art Center request regarding Arts in the Park**

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

**Public Hearing – Request for Alcohol License – Armstrong & Grace, d/b/a Atlantic Bistro, 167 Spring Street**

The public hearing notice was read into the record. Christopher and Jennifer Thibeault, owners of the former Sippican Café, described their request to the selectmen; they are hoping to open by May 1. Mr. Dickerson asked if alcohol is proposed to be served on the outside patio and was told yes.

Board members had no further questions. Audience members had no comments or questions

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

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the application for the all alcohol license for the Atlantic Bistro, located at 167 Spring Street. VOTE: 3-0-0

**ACTION ITEM**

**Request for Common Victualler license – Armstrong & Grace, d/b/a Atlantic Bistro, 167 Spring Street**

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

**Discussion and vote – Tabor Academy donation to Benjamin Cushing Community Center**

Mr. Dawson informed the selectmen that Tabor Academy has donated \$15,000 to be used for renovations to the Benjamin Cushing Community Center; donations are required to be formally accepted by the selectmen.

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

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

**Bid results – surplus property**

The results of the February 17 bid opening for the 2000 Ford E-3 ambulance formerly known as A-2 were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Dawson recommended that the bid be awarded to the highest bidder, High Street Auto, 56 High Street, Rochester, for \$1678.00.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to award the bid. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Discussion – Town of Marion Public Records Access Guidelines**

Draft guidelines provided to selectmen at a previous meeting were reviewed and briefly discussed. Mr. Dawson requested that he and Assistant Town Clerk Michele Bissonnette be appointed Records Access Officers for the Town of Marion.

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

**Update – VFW renovations, discussion regarding future use**

Mr. Dawson announced that steady progress has been made in cleaning up the building and getting it ready for future use. The Council on Aging has submitted a recommendation that an advisory committee be formed to discuss future use of the building; after discussion it was agreed that until the use of the entire site is determined it is too soon to form an advisory

committee. During the discussion it was emphasized that the building will be used as a senior center and also as a community center.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to table the request at this time. VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Dawson announced that he will be on vacation for the weeks of March 6 and March 14.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

##### **7:25 p.m. – Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) report**

CIPC members were present to discuss their report dated February 13, 2017. The report contained a prioritized list of 19 capital projects submitted for FY18 totaling \$3.7 million and also a 10 year plan.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**


The following correspondence was briefly discussed.

##### **Copy of letter approving Massachusetts Accredited Assessor (MAA) designation for Associated Assessor Linda Dessert**

Ms. Dessert's achievement was noted.

The Board voted at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations with non-Union personnel, for strategy related to litigation, and a collective bargaining matter. The Board will not be entering back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk  
Date approved: March 7, 2017

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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – February 21, 2017**

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Memo from Finance Director regarding IRS 2017 mileage reimbursement rate

Marion Art Center request regarding Arts in the Park

Memo regarding bid results – surplus property

Draft Town of Marion Public Records Access Guidelines

Memo regarding COA recommendation for advisory committee

Annual assessment - CMW Regional Refuse Disposal District

Letter from Comcast regarding services (2/3/17)

Request for appointment to Marion Affordable Housing Trust – Greg Polzer

Request for appointment to Marion Affordable Housing Trust – Casey Cole–Vieira

Notice of ZBA decision – 82 Main Street

Copy of letter to Jennifer Eames from Sky Development regarding land owned by the Loft School (1/17/17)

Copy of letter to John Hoagland from Board of Health regarding 60 Lewis Street (2/6/17)

Request for appointment to Marion Fireworks Committee – Mike Russo

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