

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Dickerson, Chairman
Stephen Cushing
Stephen Gonsalves

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Miller
Officer Scott Cowan
ORR Boys Hockey Team coaches and members
Todd Zell
Will Saltonstall
John Quirk
Alan Minard
Karen Kevelson
Christine Winters
Peter Winters
Mike DeCicco, Standard Times
Georgia Sparling, Sippican Week
Jean Perry, Wanderer
Paul Dawson, Town Administrator
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 – March 21, 2017

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

ACTION ITEMS

Note: Mr. Cushing recused himself and left the room prior to the following action item.

Water/Sewer abatement request 430 Front Street

A letter requesting an abatement of the charges to repair the sewer grinder pump located at 430 Front Street were reviewed; comments and photographs submitted by Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Frank Cooper were considered as well. After discussion it was concluded that the age of the pump, along with damage caused by the prohibited materials, both contributed to the system failure.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to grant 50% of the request, resulting in a refund of \$479.25. VOTE: 2-0-0

NOTE: Mr. Cushing joined the meeting

Water/Sewer commitment - \$948.12 – Final Readings – 03/27/17

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

APPOINTMENTS

7:05 p.m. – Police Chief Miller – Request for appointment of full-time officer – Scott Cowan

Chief Miller and Student Officer Cowan were present for this discussion. The request is for Student Officer Cowan to be appointed as a full time patrol officer, effective April 14, 2017, for a one year probationary period.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing to appoint Scott j. Cowan as a full time police officer, effective April 14, 2017, for a one year probationary period. VOTE: 3-0-0

7:15 p.m. – ORR/Fairhaven Boys Hockey Team coaches, team members

The selectmen congratulated the team members and coaches for their outstanding accomplishments this season.

7:30 p.m. – Todd Zell – Discussion regarding amendment of entertainment license – Brewfish

Mr. Zell explained that he would like to amend his existing entertainment license to allow acoustical music on the outside deck area. After discussion it was agreed that a public hearing to amend the license would be required.

7:40 p.m. – Will Saltonstall – Request to amend existing sewer connection – Tabor Academy

Mr. Saltonstall was present with Tabor Headmaster John Quirk to discuss the construction of a new dormitory that will be located on Spring Street across from the Fire Station; the request is to connect the proposed building to an existing sewer connection. After discussion it was agreed to continue the request to the next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update - Town House Building Committee (THBC)

The THBC has offered a suggestion on how to move forward with the feasibility study for the VFW site. The THBC and the citizens group have agreed that in order to expedite the process the THBC will appoint a 7-member subcommittee (4 members of the citizens group, 3 from the THBC.)

Update – NPDES permit

Mr. Dawson was informed last week that the issuance of the permit is imminent.

Update – Fireworks

The deadline to decide if the fireworks will move forward this year is May 15; \$20,000 is available and \$50,000 is required.

Tri-Town Selectmen meeting

Mr. Dawson announced that the Tri-Town selectmen will meet on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room of the ORR Junior High School.

Discussion regarding Mattapoissett request for hiring of fiscal analyst for ORR School District

Mike Gagne, Mattapoissett's Town Administrator, has requested that each of the Tri-Towns appropriate funds to hire a fiscal analyst to examine previous and current fiscal practices of the ORR School District. It was agreed to include an article in the Annual Town Meeting warrant requesting \$5000 in funds for the Town of Marion's share of the cost. The Finance Committee has voted to support the request.

8:00 p.m. – Finance Committee

Committee chairman Alan Minard was present with members Peter Winters and Karen Kevelson to submit the committee's financial report and make recommendations for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

During the presentation Board of Health Chairman Jason Reynolds voiced concern regarding funding for the Public Health Nurse.

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ACTION ITEM:

Close Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The draft warrant was reviewed and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to approve the warrant as presented with the addition of the article requesting funds for the Town's share of the ORR School District audit and also to close the warrant. VOTE: 3-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was reviewed; item #7 was briefly discussed.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Cushing at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn and enter into Executive Session for strategy related to collective bargaining. The Board will not enter back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen C. Gonsalves, Clerk

Date approved: April 18, 2017

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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – April 4, 2017

Meeting minutes – March 21, 2017
Police Chief Miller request for appointment of full time officer – Scott Cowan
Request to extend existing sewer connection – Tabor Academy
Report of the Finance Committee
Water/Sewer abatement request – 430 Front Street
Water/Sewer commitment - \$948.12 – Final Readings – 3/27/17
Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Letter from Town House Building Committee regarding renovation project
Email from Mattapoissett Town Administrator regarding request for hiring of fiscal analyst for ORR School District
Memo from Planning Board regarding extension of Remote Meeting Participation Agreement (3/21/17)
Copy of letter from Building Commissioner regarding 418 Point Road
Request for appointment to Marine Resources Commission – Joe Guard
Letter from FEMA regarding 10/21/16 Letter of Map Revision
Request for appointment to Marine Resources Commission – James Feeney
ZBA request for comments – 8 Quelle Lane
Plymouth County Retirement Board assessment (FY2017-2018)
Email regarding South Coast Road Notice of Project Change public hearing
ZBA request for comments – 418 Point Road Trusts
Copy of letter from Building Commissioner regarding Map 5A, Lot 24
Copy of Waterways License Application #W17-4888
Letter from MassDOT regarding Chapter 90 funding for FY2018
Letter from Comcast regarding WPRI (CBS) Channel 12
Request for appointment to Marine Resources Commission – Jeff Doubrava

OTHER BOARDS

Affordable Housing Trust reorganization memo
Planning Board meeting agenda (4/3/17)