

**MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 6, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jonathan Dickerson, Chairman  
Stephen Gonsalves  
Norman Hills

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lincoln Miller  
Shaun Cormier  
Ray Pickles  
Bob Lane  
Alan Minard  
John Waterman  
Christian Loranger  
Mike DeCicco, Standard Times  
Tanner Harding, 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.

**ACTION ITEM**

**Letter from Board of Assessors chairman requesting selectmen approval to change Special Legal Counsel**

Board of Assessors chairman Ray Pickles was present. He explained that the request is for the selectmen to authorize the Board of Assessors to hire Matthew J. Thomas as new Special Legal Counsel for Appellate Tax Board Cases and Solar PILOT negotiations. Mr. Dickerson requested that the Assessors notify the Finance Committee of the change.

Moved by Mr. Hills and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to appoint Matthew J. Thomas as the attorney to support the Assessors. VOTE: 3-0-0

**APPOINTMENTS**

**7:05 p.m. Chief Miller – Police Department update**

Chief Miller provided information on the following:

**Accreditation** – The police department was accredited in 2015, is due for reaccreditation in 2018, and has begun the reaccreditation process.

**Project Outreach** – Police departments in Plymouth County, including the Marion Police Department, have been working on an outreach program in an attempt to offer treatment to individuals with addictions and support to their family members.

**Personnel** – Chief Miller informed the selectmen that he will be retiring at the end of December.

**7:15 p.m. Christian Loranger – Discussion regarding 324 Front Street**

Mr. Loranger submitted information regarding the history of the property. During the discussion he provided the following information:

- He is not sure if the building will be renovated or razed and another structure built
- The building currently has 12 bedrooms
- The building is assessed as having 5 bedrooms because the only assessments have been “parking lot” (the assessors did not enter the building)
- Mr. Zora suggested that Mr. Loranger show the Building Commissioner the 12 existing bedrooms and have them grandfathered in
- Mr. Loranger is not requesting an increase in sewer as the building, using the 12 bedrooms, is currently sewerred
- Whether the building is renovated or razed and rebuilt, there will be at least 1 less bedroom
- The building currently has 4 apartments

Mr. Loranger was informed that the selectmen would need time to consider the information submitted tonight and they probably would make a decision at their June 20 meeting.

Mr. Dawson noted that Mr. Loranger indicated in a letter received by the selectmen on April 13, 2017 that the building has 11 bedrooms. Mr. Loranger stated that the letter is incorrect and there are 12 bedrooms.

Mr. Hills asked a question about the building design; Mr. Loranger explained that some of the units have 2 stories.

Mr. Hills asked if the future building would have 4 units; Mr. Loranger said he is not sure but whatever it is it will have 11 bedrooms.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Letter from Conservation Commission Chairman requesting that Associate Member Shaun Walsh be appointed Full Member**

Conservation Commission Chairman Cynthia Callow has submitted a letter requesting that Associate Member Shaun Walsh be appointed Full Member.

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

##### **Tabor Academy request regarding live entertainment June 10, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

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

##### **Letter from Jean DaSilva regarding use of Point Road Playground June 11 for Feast of St. Anthony**

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

##### **Request for appointment to Conservation Commission – Tad Wollenhaupt**

Mr. Wollenhaupt has requested to withdraw his application.

##### **Request for appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) – Tad Wollenhaupt**

Mr. Wollenhaupt’s request for appointment to the ZBA and also an email indicating that the ZBA recommends the appointment, were reviewed and discussed. When Mr. Hills questioned whether the selectmen should interview Mr. Wollenhaupt it was noted that the ZBA had met with him and recommended his appointment.

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

**Discussion and vote – Letter from Council on Aging Director regarding Friends of Marion Council on Aging donation**

A letter from COA Director Heather Sylvia announcing the Friends of the Marion Council on Aging's donation of \$8300 for the purchase of counters and cabinets for the Benjamin D. Cushing Senior, Community, and Recreation Center was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Moved by Mr. Hills and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to accept. VOTE: 3-0-0

**Water/Sewer Commitment - \$1373.49, final readings (05/26/17)**

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

**Water/Sewer Commitment - \$1725, new services & misc. bill (05/26/17)**

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

**One day alcohol license – Marion Social Club – family party 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. (06/18/17)**

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

**APPOINTMENT**

**7:30 p.m. Bob Raymond – Discussion regarding Elizabeth Taber Library entrance and garden project**

Architect Bob Raymond and library trustees Jay Pateakos and Meg Steinberg were present for this discussion. Mr. Raymond submitted and described a set of plans showing a proposed entrance and garden project for the library. Private donors have offered to pay for the design and construction of the project. Because the project will be private, a philanthropy agreement between the donor and the Town will be required. Mr. Raymond told the selectmen that the donors will be in Marion on June 17 and would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony at that time. Mr. Dawson explained that he would need to involve Town Counsel, the Town's insurance advisor, and the Facilities Manager. Mr. Raymond was advised to contact the director of the Natural History Museum as well and he replied that he has already.

Mr. Hills asked if the existing steps would be reused and was told those details had not yet been worked out. He asked if the book drop was included in the plans and was told yes.

Moved by Mr. Hills and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves to proceed preliminarily and get Town Counsel involved. VOTE: 3-0-0

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Update - Fireworks**

Mr. Dawson reported that the Fireworks Committee's fundraising efforts were successful and the fireworks celebration will be July 2, with a postponement date of July 9.

**Update – Grant for Indian Cove/Harbor Beach sewer**

Mr. Dawson updated the selectmen on a grant the Town received last year through the Buzzards Bay Estuaries Program to explore regional sewerage of the Indian Cove and Harbor Beach areas. Preliminary meetings were held to discuss how this might be accomplished and all parties involved will be meeting again on June 14 to discuss if and how the project could move forward.

**Police Station siding**

Mr. Dawson reminded the selectmen that a few months ago the issues with the siding on the police station were corrected as required under the warranty; however, a couple of small issues remain. Mr.

Dawson and Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier met with the manufacturer and installation contractor; Mr. Dawson expects by the end of the week a report on how the issues will be corrected.

**Tabor Academy**

Mr. Dawson and Mr. Dickerson recently met with Tabor Academy Head of School John Quirk to discuss how the Town and school might work more closely on projects of mutual interest. Mr. Dickerson said the meeting was very productive and he looks forward to continuing the working relationship with the school.

**APPOINTMENT**

**7:45 p.m. Alan Minard, Rob Lane – Discussion regarding subcommittee of the Town House Building Committee**

Mr. Minard submitted a list with five names proposed for membership on the subcommittee; after discussion it was agreed that before appointments were made an ad seeking volunteers would be published.

Mr. Lane explained that Jon Witten has provided the opinion that no RFP will be necessary if the Town uses T2 as the company to hire a consultant to act as a subcontractor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

#4 – Mr. Hills requested a copy of a study done by ORCTV that concluded the ORR classes were not cost effective.

Moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves at 7:58 p.m. to enter into Executive Session for contract negotiations with non-Union personnel. The Board will not enter back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Norman A. Hills, Clerk

Date approved: June 20, 2017

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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – June 6, 2017**

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Copy of letter from Town of Wareham regarding South Coast Rail Project change  
Note from Sharlie Sudduth regarding May 8 Annual Town Meeting  
Request for appointment to ZBA – Louise Nadler  
ORCTV 2016 Annual Report  
Request for appointment to ZBA – David Bramley  
Memo from Marine Resources Commission regarding commission structure  
Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School budget  
Request for appointment to Marion Cultural Council – Suzanne Bellanger  
Email from Elizabeth Taber library director regarding donation of 2 Little Free Libraries  
Proposed revised fees and guidelines for Music Hall  
Harbormaster request regarding boat trailer parking  
Congregational Church regarding street closure for annual summer fair (07/29/17)  
Email from Susannah Davis requesting placement of benches at Sprague's Cove

**OTHER BOARDS**

Board of Health reorganization  
Town of Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen reorganization  
Agenda – Planning Board (06/05/17)  
Planning Board reorganization