

**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
Special Meeting
March 1, 2016**

**Main Conference Room
Marion Town House
Two Spring Street**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Lane, Chairman
Steve Gonsalves
Jennifer Francis
Rico Ferrari Vice-Chairman
Norm Hills, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eileen Marum
Mike Popitz

BOARD ASSISTANT: Terri Santos

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Buckland
Ray Cullum
Jay Patekos
John Garcia
Margie Baldwin
Alan Menard

Commencement – Chairman Lane called the regular meeting to order at 5:30P.M.

Master Plan Update

Chairman Lane introduced the Co-chairs of the Master Plan Committee, Rico Ferrari and Norm Hills.

Member Ferrari explained that we have a contract with SRPEDD to provide technical support. He noted that Ken Buckland, Town Planner present; he was hired to provide the Board professional advice. He is getting up to speed and in the future will handle the Master Plan process. Margie Baldwin and Ray Cullum were in the audience.

Clerk Hills noted that the nine elements of the Master Plan are defined by State Law and include: Goals and Policies, land use, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, services and facilities, transportation and circulation and implementation. There have been 3 workshops on goals and policies, economic development and housing and servicing and facilities. Another workshop will be in held in April or early May.

Member Ferrari explained the power point presentation *Building a Sustainable Community through Master Planning* Dated March 1, 2016. Initially 36 citizen advisors with diverse backgrounds have been chosen, their resumes will be posted. He outlined the various advisory focus groups (assets, bylaws, economic development, resiliency, parks and recreation, financial) and their leads. The advisor's goal is to use their expertise to identify potential consolidation options to maximize the town's efforts.

Chairman Lane noted that the draft of the Master Plan will ultimately need to be approved by the Planning Board.

Member Ferrari projected that the Master Plan will be done in 2017. The 2015 Plan did not get implemented; this must not happen this time. As we develop the Master Plan goals, obvious changes will be worked on by the advisors to get a head start; an example would be bylaw changes.

Clerk Hills noted that there is no question that the Master Plan will go to the Planning Board and that ultimately it will need to go to Town Meeting for approval.

Member Ferrari explained that one opportunity that the asset advisors have identified is the potential for a regional Waste Water Treatment Plant in Wareham. He introduced Ray Cullum.

Ray Cullum explained that the regionalization idea is not new, he noted that the Town already regionalized water. Wareham is considering a regional Waste Water Treatment Plant with Bourne, Onset, and Plymouth. The EPA awarded Wareham a grant for a feasibility study and Marion is able to participate. Mr. Cullum noted that there is a milestone study and if all 3 points cannot happen then the feasibility study will not go forward. The Marion Board of Selectmen have sent a letter to Wareham stating we are interested in the participating in the feasibility study. He noted that there is no cost to the Town. The Wareham project could take 8-10 years, a longer time than Marion may have to respond to the EPA.

Margie Baldwin addressed the meeting saying that the first meeting of the parks and recreation advisor group is next week. She has invited the involved Town Committees and the Sippican Land Trust in an attempt to coordinate the common effort. She noted that the original MOSAC mission has probably changed.

It was noted that Ken Buckland is in the process of putting together a time line of the Master Plan process.

Alan Menard cautioned that because they have no idea what the permit for the wastewater treatment plant will be, we should be really careful with numbers that are given out because we do not know exactly what the requirements are.

Chairman Lane thanked Member Ferrari, Clerk Hills, the Board and the advisory committees for their time and hard work.

Motion made by Member Gonsalves to adjourn, seconded by Member Francis at 6:35P.M.

VOTE: 5-0-0

List of Documents Received:

Master Plan Power Point Presentation dated March 1, 2016

Note: The documents, reports, correspondences, submittals, notices, exhibits are a part of the official record along with these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm Hills, Clerk