

**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
Marion Town House
Main Conference Room
2 Spring Street
October 17, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Lane, Chairman
Steve Kokkins, Vice Chairman
Eileen Marum, Clerk
Will Saltonstall
Steve Gonsalves
Mike Popitz
Jennifer Francis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

BOARD ASSISTANT: Terri Santos

Commencement – Chairman Lane called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Member Popitz to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016 as amended, seconded by Clerk Marum.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Community Outreach (15 Minutes) - No comments.

Master Plan Transportation and Circulation Task Force

Member Francis suggested that a Master Plan Transportation and Circulation Task force be organized. Chairman Lane requested a mission statement and the names of the core group comprising the task force for the next meeting. Member Francis indicated that she would do that and possibly put an article in the newspaper to recruit volunteers.

Member Francis described the concept of Complete Streets, and she volunteered to provide a link for the Board.

It was noted that there was a funding Article on the Town Meeting warrant. Chairman Lane inquired as to when the current funding for Mr. Buckland's salary would end, and the amount of money needed to fund to end of the fiscal year. He requested that Clerk Marum and Member Francis meet with Judy Mooney before the Town Meeting.

Zoning Bylaw Discussion (multifamily)

Chairman Lane referenced an email from Member Saltonstall dated October 12, 2016 regarding issues with the bylaws and the ability to obtain a Special Permit to convert a residence to a two-family home in any residential zone. Chairman Lane asked Member Popitz, Member Saltonstall and Ken Buckland to meet and outline what should be examined and deliberated with the Board. Then, Jon Witten would be consulted regarding appropriate language for the bylaw change.

Chairman Lane recognizes the bylaws have been codified and a report will be issued.

Correspondence

None to approve.

Old Business

Member Popitz mentioned that in New Zealand a successful land swap occurred after an earthquake. The exchange allowed the owners of damaged waterfront property to trade their original land for upland property; the damaged property was allowed to return to its natural state.

Approval of Bills

Motion made by Member Popitz to approve the bill for \$48.00 for the Wanderer advertising of storm water change, seconded by Clerk Marum.

VOTE: 7-0-0

Comments to the ZBA - Moberg G. & Farrington K. TRTS of West Avenue Realty Trust, 21 West Avenue (Note Member Saltonstall recused)

No Comments

Motion made by Member Francis to adjourn, seconded by Member Saltonstall at 7:32 p.m.

VOTE: 7-0-0

List of Documents Received:

Minutes of October 3, 2016

ZBA Application, Moberg G. & Farrington KTRTS of West Avenue Realty Trust, 21 West Avenue

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Marum, Clerk