

**TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
Marion Town House
Main Conference Room
2 Spring Street
December 5, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Lane, Chairman
Steve Kokkins, Vice Chairman
Eileen Marum, Clerk
Steve Gonsalves Note: arrived 7:05
Jennifer Francis
Mike Popitz Note: left at 8:10

MEMBERS ABSENT: Will Saltonstall

BOARD ASSISTANT: Terri Santos

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

Chairman Lane announced that Mr. Ken Buckland, Marion’s Part Time Planner, accepted a full-time position as Town Planner in Wareham. Mr. Buckland agreed to stay on part time “until we can get the rest of the Master Plan sorted out,” Chairman Lane said.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

Community Outreach (15 Minutes) - No comments.

Correspondence

Summary of South Shore Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Symposium - Clerk Marum summarized highlights of the symposium held in Norwell concerning Climate change and sea level rise. At the symposium, scientists and public officials explored the science of climate change, the potential implications and impact of climate change on the South Shore region, and the possibility of policy responses on a regional level.

Transportation Task Force – Member Francis has narrowed down the list of potential task force members. Clerk Marum suggested including a student from Tabor Academy and Old Rochester Regional High School.

Member Francis suggested giving SRPEDD a role on the task force. After discussion, it was recommended that SRPEDD be limited to a few hours to nurture the task force; once underway, SRPEDD would be briefed as necessary.

Meeting Schedule for January 2017 – The board will meet January 9th and the 23rd.

Buzzards Bay Coalition Project (update) – Chairman Lane announced that the board can expect to receive an application for the project within the next couple of weeks. Member Popitz, the board’s liaison for the project, feels it is important to have a local engineer. Member Popitz noted that Field Engineer had emailed a presentation, and the presentation would be forwarded to the board for review. Chairman Lane indicated that the previous listing of engineers was not approved by the board and RFPs are not necessary for the board.

Old Business

Approval of Bills

No Bills to approve.

Discussion of Master Plan Draft

Economic Development – Mr. Buckland reviewed the Master Plan draft taking comments from the board. After discussion, it was decided to review the Housing element of the Master Plan at the December 19, 2016 meeting. In light of Mr. Buckland’s new position with the Town of Wareham, Member Francis proposed that the board initiate a search for another Town Planner, and that Mr. Paul Dawson, town administrator, be advised of the situation.

Motion made by Member Francis to adjourn, seconded by Clerk Marum at 8:24p.m.

VOTE: 6-0-0

List of Documents Received:

Summary of South Shore Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Symposium December 1, 2016

Draft Master Plan

Meeting Schedule for 2017

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