

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

February 8, 2012

Board met in session at 7:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Abbot Hall.
Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
Harry C. Christensen, Jr.
Judith R. Jacobi
Bret T. Murray
James E. Nye

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 31, 2012. 3 voted in favor, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Murray voted present.

BOARD OF HEALTH. Travel Stipend. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of the Board of Health to grant a \$165.00 monthly stipend, effective February 1, 2012, to the Director of Public Health in lieu of local travel mileage reimbursement to be paid from the Board of Health local travel appropriation, such vote to remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Selectmen. All in favor.

LAND ACQUISITION. 57 Green Street. A letter was received from Attorney James E. Coppola notifying the Town that we are now the owner of the property at 57 Green Street, Lot 7, Map 146 by virtue of a final judgment entered by the Land Court in the Town's tax lien foreclosure case. Motion made and seconded to ask Rebecca L. Curran, Town Planner, to research the options for disposition including affordable housing and to report back to the Board. All in favor.

ABBOT HALL. Permission to Use. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Pam Peterson, Marblehead Museum & Historical Society, to use Abbot Hall on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a public lecture subject to the usual rules and regulations, receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance and custodial fees. The rental fee is waived. All in favor. Robert Goodwin of Marblehead will present his book, *Elbridge Gerry: Marblehead's Forgotten Son*, to be released that day. This event is free and open to the public.

CONTRACT. Northshore Marine Inc. Amend. Motion made and seconded to amend the contract to Northshore Marine Inc of Salem, MA for the Gerry Playground Pier Project by increasing the contract amount by nine thousand and thirty two dollars (\$9032.00) and authorize the chair to sign the change order on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING. All Alcoholic Beverage License. 165 Pleasant Street. Alter Premises. Patricia Johnson, 6 Oakledge Road, Swampscott, and Attorney Ed Principe, 4 Pierce Street, appeared before the Board seeking permission to alter the premises at Hungry Betty's Bar and Grille, 165 Pleasant Street to include outdoor seating. Karl Johnson, 25 Reed Street, spoke in favor of the applicant, no one spoke in opposition. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from PJ Foods LLC, d/b/a Hungry Betty's Bar and Grille, 165 Pleasant Street, to extend the premises of the All Alcoholic Beverage License as a Common Victualler, by adding 5 tables outside the premise with maximum of (20) seats, subject to approval from the Landlord, Zoning Board of Appeals and the ABCC. The hours of operation on the license is 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight Monday through Sunday. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Murray, in favor; Mr. Christensen, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT. Alan Wolcott, President, Maddies Anglers Club, 12 Driftwood Road, Matt Dolan: Maddies Anglers Club Member and Operation Neptune Committee Chairman and Webb Russell, Assistant Harbormaster, appeared before the Board to discuss an upcoming event to be held at the Boston Yacht Club on Saturday, July 28, 2012. This year the Maddies Anglers Club has teamed with the Wounded Warriors Project (WWP), and the Raytheon Corporation to take 50 Wounded Veterans from Afghanistan and Iraq out on the water for a day of fishing and boating in the Marblehead area and a luncheon event at the Boston Yacht Club. After discussion motion made and seconded to approve the use of Town dock space for this event on July 28, 2012 subject to working out the details with Webb Russell. All in favor. Permission will be sought from the Superintendent to use one of the schools for parking.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Interview. Appointment. Leon Drachman, 24 Countryside Lane, appeared before the Board as it relates to serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion made and seconded to appoint Leon Drachman to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire May 2012. All in favor.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER. Fire Department. Motion made and seconded to authorize Fire Chief Jason Gilliland to appear before the Finance Committee to request the transfer of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Reserve Fund in accordance with chapter 40, section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws. All in favor

CONTRACT. Powers and Sullivan. Auditing Services. Motion made and seconded to award a contract to Powers and Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants of Wakefield, Massachusetts for audit services associated with annual audits of the Town's finances for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014 in the amount of forty three thousand dollars (\$43,000.00) each year and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

TOWN CLERK. Presidential Primary. Voting Precincts. The Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 6, 2012. The Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The last

day to register to vote for the March 6th Presidential Primary is Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 p.m. for voter registration.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, §6, the Town of Marblehead has changed voting precincts to reflect population changes as calculated by the most recent federal census. A post card is being mailed out to all addresses that are affected by this change. Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1	The Masonic Temple	62 Pleasant Street
Precinct 2	The Masonic Temple	62 Pleasant Street
Precinct 3	The Masonic Temple	62 Pleasant Street
Precinct 4	The Marblehead Community Center	10 Humphrey Street
Precinct 5	The Marblehead Community Center	10 Humphrey Street
Precinct 6	The Marblehead Community Center	10 Humphrey Street

Absentee Ballots are now available. Voters may vote by absentee ballot for the following reasons: 1. Absence from your city or town during normal polling hours. 2. Physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place. 3. Religious belief. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Monday, March 5, 2012 at 12:00 noon. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by the close of polls on March 6, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call the Town Clerk's Office at 781-631-0528.

UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES. A letter of interest was received from Lou Yost, Executive Secretary, Domestic Names Committee, informing the Board that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its January 12, 2012 meeting, did not approve the proposal to change the name of Brown Island to Crowninshield Island in Essex County. This decision was made citing reluctance to change a longstanding name.

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. Letter of Interest. Appointment.

A letter of interest was received from Michael Katzen as it relates to joining the Task Force against Discrimination. Motion made and seconded to appoint Michael Katzen to the Task Force against Discrimination with a term to expire in May 2012 and to invite him to a future Selectmen's meeting. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Applicant. A letter was received from Peter M. Stacey as it relates to serving on the Marblehead Historical Commission. There is currently no vacancy on this commission. His letter will be kept on file.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER OF THE NORTH SHORE AND CAPE ANN, INC. 25th Birthday. The Independent Living Center will be celebrating their 25th Birthday on April 3, 2012 at the House of Seven Gables from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Call 978-741-0077 for more information.

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE. Applicant. Interview. The Board will interview Jacqueline Mara Lynch as it relates to serving on the Fair Housing Committee at their meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. Motion made and seconded to send a letter to the MBTA notifying them the Town opposes the proposed service reductions and fare hikes. All in favor.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN. Meetings. Motion made and seconded that the Board will not meet on February 22, 2012. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion made and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 for the purpose of discussing litigation where the public discussion on the same may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, votes may be taken, and if they are votes will be released at a time deemed appropriate by counsel. The board will not reconvene in open session. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Murray, in favor; Mr. Christensen, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide