

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

December 14, 2010

Board met in session at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

James E. Nye, Chairman
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
T. Michael Rockett
William L. Woodfin, II

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from December 8, 2010. All in favor.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. Christmas Tree Pick up. Christmas Trees will be picked up curbside through January 14, 2011.

REQUEST. A letter was received from Raquel Moscarelli, 61 Bayview Road, offering her services as a median to bring together the Town in unity, community and peace for all involved.

MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT. A letter was received from the following residents in support of Chief Robert O. Picariello: Patricia and Richard Cuzner, 36 Curtis Street; Sheila Rood, 14 Winthrop Avenue; Cynthia and Russell Thompson, 26 Curtis Street; Alice and Al Doherty, 41 Baldwin Road; Kerry and Kristin Bertrand, 111A Green Street.

ANTI-FRAUD POLICY AND RESPONSE PROGRAM. Motion made and seconded to adopt the Anti-Fraud Policy and Response Program as previously presented by John J. McGinn, Finance Director. All in favor.

WARRANT ARTICLE. Chief of Police. Civil Service. Motion made and seconded to have Town Counsel prepare an article for 2011 Annual Town Meeting as it relates to removing the position of Chief of Police from Civil Service. The Board did not take a vote to endorse the concept at this time. 4 voted in favor. Mr. Rockett voted present.

MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT. Motion made and seconded to ask Town Counsel to attend the Board of Selectmen Meeting on January 12, 2011 for the Board to seek advice on the Chief's contract/contract negotiations. 4 voted in favor. Mr. Rockett voted present.

MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT. Will Gallien, 3 Gerald Road, appeared before the Board as it relates to issues and concerns with the Police Department. Mr. Gallien outlined 3 options for the Board to consider: 1) remove the Chief from his management of the Department and change this position from civil service to appointed; 2) disband the current Police Department and notify our state delegation and request Mass State Police provide community policing on a temporary basis; 3) form a Police Civilian Review Board to compile and publish patterns of misconduct. Members of the Board addressed Mr. Gallien expressing no interest in option 1 or 2. Motion made and seconded to ask the Town Administrator to research option 3, forming a Police Civilian Review Board, and report back to the Board. 4 voted in favor. Mr. Rockett voted present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session under G.L. c. 21(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing the value of real property and settlement negotiations where the public discussion of 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. Rockett, in favor; Mr. Woodfin, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide