

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

January 9, 2008

Board met in Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. in their Meeting Room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

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

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

Motion made and seconded to appoint Jackie Belf-Becker, as chairman of this meeting.
All in favor.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes from December 18, 2007. All in favor.

CABLE LICENSING. Stanley Usovicz, Regional Director, Verizon, and Paul Rabin, Chairman, Cable Oversight Committee appeared before the Selectmen as it relates to initiating the cable licensing process in Marblehead. Mr. Usovicz answered questions from the Town Administrator, Board and Mr. Rabin. Mr. Usovicz stated that the entire Town will be wired as it exists now (either aerial or underground). Building fiber optics for the Town would be completed as soon as possible, following regular licensing. The Town Administrator asked if Verizon would work within the Town's time frame as it relates to laying any wires necessary along the causeway before final paving of the causeway is completed. Mr. Usovicz responded that they would. Mr. Usovicz suggested and agreed to meet with the Town Administrator, Engineering and DPW to discuss construction phases so that all sides have an understanding of the process and can work together. Mr. Usovicz also stated there would be no loss in service to what we currently have in the Town; Verizon will connect to all local channels, including the local studio, as well as many others. Though Mr. Usovicz stated Verizon does not offer Senior Discounts, he said that they will consider any option presented by the Town to offer a level playing field with Comcast. The community can ask questions or offer input to the Cable Television Oversight Committee by email at: cablecommittee@marblehead.org.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to initiate and implement the cable licensing process pursuant to 207 CMR 3.00 *et seq.* All in Favor.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to request the following waivers from the Cable Television Division, Department of Telecommunications and Cable: request a waiver of

the requirement (207 CMR 3.03(2)) that cable license applications be filed a full sixty days after publication of the first local advertisement soliciting cable license applications and that the Town of Marblehead be allowed instead to use a thirty day license application filing deadline. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to request of waiver of the requirement to advertise in a national trade journal (207 CMR 3.03(2)). All in favor.

LICENSING. Sunday Entertainment. Todd Horvath, Manager, Hurricane Restaurant, appeared before the Board requesting a Sunday Entertainment License. Motion made and seconded to approve a Sunday Entertainment License for the hours of 1:00pm – 11:00pm subject to no noise to be heard from the streets and the doors to the establishment remain closed during entertainment and receipt of the required fees. All in favor.

HARBORS AND WATERS. Salem Sound No Discharge Area application. Charlie Dalferro, Harbormaster, Barbara Warren, Salem Sound Coastwatch and Gary Gregory, Chairman Harbors and Waters Board, appeared before the Selectmen as it relates to the Salem Sound No Discharge Area application. Motion made and seconded to endorse the Salem Sound No Discharge Area application and to send a letter of support to the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Board. 3 voted in favor. 1 opposed.

CABLE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Interviews. Appointments. The following three individuals were independently interviewed by the Selectmen: Wayne Arvidson, Ron Olson and Jerry O'Neill. Motion made and seconded to place all three names into nomination. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to appoint Jerry O'Neill to the Cable Oversight Committee with a term to expire in May 2008. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to appoint Ron Olson and Wayne Arvidson to the Cable Oversight Committee with a term to expire in May 2010. All in favor.

CABLE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Appointment. Motion made and seconded to appoint Dave Keniston Ex-Officio to the Cable Oversight Committee with a term to expire in May 2008. All in favor.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Interview. Brian LeClair appeared before the Board to be interviewed for a vacancy on the Conservation Committee. Further interviews will be held on January 23, 2008 at which time the Board will vote on appointments.

PERMISSION. MS Walk. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Kara Kelley to use the State Street Landing as a rest stop on their walk route during the MS Walk on Saturday, April 12, 2008 and to place 2 port-a-potties on the site. All in favor.

LICENSING. One Day Liquor License. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Temple Emanu-El for a One Day Liquor License for a fundraiser to be held

on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 6:30pm – 11:55pm subject to the receipt of the requisite fee. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Road Race. Motion made and seconded to table a request from Geoff Hamilton to host a bike race on Sunday, March 30, 2008 and to have the Town Administrator contact the applicant for further review. All in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING. Work Off Program. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Patricia Roberts, Council on Aging, to raise the income guidelines for the work off program as follows:

<u>2007 Work Off Guidelines</u>	<u>Proposed change (same as housing)</u>
1 person household = \$40,000	1 person household = \$46,300
2 person household = \$45,223	2 person household = \$52,950

All in favor.

PERMISSION. Abbot Hall. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor to use Abbot Hall for a “Star Spangled Pops Concert” on the following dates: Friday, May 16, 2008 for decorating and rehearsal, Saturday, May 17, 2008 for the concert, and Monday, May 19, 2008 for any clean-up. Approval is subject to the usual fees and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

VOTE. Snow removal. Motion made and seconded, consistent with Chapter 44, Section 31 D, to approve expenditures for snow and ice removal in excess of the available appropriation from Town Meeting for snow and ice in the amount of \$100,000. All in favor.

LICENSING. One Day Liquor License. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Rich Cutting, Bliss Salon, for a One Day Liquor License on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 for an Open House from 4:30pm – 11:00pm subject to the receipt of the requisite fee. All in favor.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to award a contract to Carlton Electrical Corporation of Marblehead for electrical work at Franklin Street Fire Station for a new generator in the amount of ten thousand nine hundred and ninety eight (\$10,998.00) and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor.

FORT SEWALL COMMITTEE. USS Constitution sign. Motion made and seconded to approve the final wording on the plaque to be placed at Fort Sewall memorializing the visits of USS Constitution to Marblehead as follows:

Huzzah! for “Old Ironsides”

Marblehead citizens have embraced
USS CONSTITUTION
on three historic visits:

3 April 1814 when beneath the guns of
Fort Sewall she found refuge from an
overwhelming British force

29-31 July 1931 when under tow on the
nationwide pennies campaign tour to
assure her preservation

20-21 July 1997 when during her
Bicentennial she sailed from Boston and
moored here to the cheers of thousands

A safe and welcoming harbor

All in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. A letter read from Carol Collins regarding parking on Atlantic Avenue was tabled.

CONGRATULATIONS. 100th Birthday. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to Evelina Moran who recently celebrated her 100th Birthday. All in favor.

REMINDER. January 16, 2008 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming primary or to change your party affiliation. The Town Clerks office will be open until 8:00pm in January 16, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session for the purposes of contract negotiations, votes may be taken, and if they are, votes will be released at a time deemed appropriate by Counsel, not to resume in open session. On a polled vote, the Board voted as follows: Mr. Woodfin: in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker: in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All in favor.

Kyle Wiley
Administrative Aide