

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

October 22, 2008

Board met in session at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's 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

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 8, 2008. All in favor.

GIFT TO TOWN. F. Carlton Siegel appeared before the Board to present to the Town a handmade replica of the Marblehead Light Tower. Motion made and seconded to accept as a gift to the Town the replica and to place it in the custody and care of the Historical Commission and to send a letter of thanks to F. Carlton Siegel. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE. Trails Committee. Citation. Don Morgan appeared before the Board to give an update on the Trails Committee. The Marblehead Conservancy was formed in 2001 with the Trails Committee forming shortly thereafter. Crews are sent out twice a week during the year. The Committee just recently surpassed 10,000 hours of volunteer Trail Crew effort. Mr. Morgan expressed his thanks to everyone on the committee as well as the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Tree Department, Water and Sewer, Light Department and Recreation and Parks Committee for their continued support. Chairman Jackie Belf-Becker read a statement from Representative Lori Ehrlich offering her heart-felt congratulations to the Trails Committee on the terrific work that has been done over the years and recognizing the selfless volunteer efforts. The Chairman then presented the Committee with a citation on behalf of Representative Ehrlich, the Speaker and the rest of the Massachusetts House of Representative. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to the Marblehead Conservancy Committee. All in favor.

GRASSE, FRANCE. Sister City. David Downs and Wayne Butler appeared before the Board. Mr. Downs reported on his recent trip to Grasse, France, Marblehead's sister city. While there he attended a memorial service for Admiral De Grasse which included American Naval Officers from our Mediterranean fleet. The people of Grasse have expressed interest in having more communication and exchange with Marblehead. Mr. Downs frequently visits Grasse and would be happy to continue to foster the relationship with our sister city on behalf of the Town. Mr.

Downs presented Mr. Butler with a book from the people of Grasse to be kept in his collection in the Historical Commission.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Gift to Selectmen. Update. Wayne Butler, Marblehead Historical Commission, presented each of the Selectmen with a Marblehead Pin naming them as “Honorary Volunteers” for the Historical Commission. Mr. Butler reported to the Board the platform to display the two bells from the USS Marblehead is nearly finished and he would like to present the bells to the Selectmen at their November 12th meeting.

VETERANS’ AGENT. Veterans’ Day Celebration. Dave Rodgers, Veterans’ Agent, appeared before the Board to announce that the Town will hold its traditional Veteran’s Day celebration on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 in Abbot Hall Auditorium at 10:30am. Doors to Abbot Hall will open at 9:45am. Chaplain Lyman Rollins Post, #2005 will be hosting this event. The Marblehead High School Coral Group, under the direction of Amanda Roeder, will perform and there will be a special dedication of a bronze “Marblehead Forever” plaque dedicated to Paul Lausier. Breakfast will be served immediately following the ceremony at the VFW, 321 West Shore Drive. All are welcome.

PERMISSION. Chamber of Commerce. Tree Lighting. 38th Annual Christmas Walk. Motion made and seconded to approve the requests from Ann Marie Casey to host the annual tree lighting on the upper grounds of Abbot Hall on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 7:00pm and to hold the 38th Annual Marblehead Christmas Walk Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2008 starting at 11:45am at the State Street Landing continuing onto Washington Street and then Atlantic Avenue ending at Seaside Park. Approval is subject to the usual rules and regulations and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

VOTE. Vehicle and Equipment Surplus. Motion made and seconded to declare the following vehicles and equipment surplus and no longer needed for municipal purpose and available for disposition; (Police) 1995 Chevy Blazer, VIN 1GNCS18W9S2226106, (Police) 1994 Chevy Caprice, VIN 1G1BL52P2RR198931, (Building) 1995 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FMDU34X2SUB69538, (Highway) 1984 Ford Diesel backhoe, VIN C724550, (Highway) 1996 Ford Sedan VIN 2FALP71WXTX201114, (Highway) Asphalt Heater—trailer mounted, (Highway) Buffalo Springfield Tandem Roller Model # KT25B, Serial # 23399, (Highway) 1948 Austin Western Road Grader—Serial # UD14A, (Highway) Asphalt Hotbox on Trailer— Model # 4TCR—Serial # 515S. All in favor. These items along with 8 other vehicles from other town boards will be auctioned off at public auction on Thursday November 6, 2008 at 10:00 am at the town garages at Tower Way. Any interested person can contact Rebecca Curran at 781-631-0000 for more information.

VOTE. Temporary Parking Regulation. Old Town House. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Robin Michaud, Town Clerk, to designate the area immediately surrounding the Old Town House be made “15 minute parking for voting only” on Election Day, November 4, 2008 and to allow two parking spaces across from the Old Town House on Washington Street from the corner of State Street to 96 Washington Street be marked 15 minute parking on this day also. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Marblehead Festival of Arts. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Jean Guastaferrri to use Abbot Hall of the Annual Artisans Holiday Marketplace on December 5-7, 2008. The dates and time requested are as follows:

Friday, December 5, 2008 - 5:30 – 9:30pm

Set up – Abbot Hall

Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 6:30am – 7:00pm

Set up and Show – Abbot Hall

Sunday, December 7, 2008 – 8:30am – 7:00pm

Show and Breakdown – Abbot Hall

Approval is subject to the usual rules, regulations and fees and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

PERMISSION. 2009 Multiple Sclerosis Walk. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Kara Kelley to hold the annual MS Walk on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10:00am. The walk, expected to draw approximately 400 participants, is about 6 miles long. The walk will start and finish at the Marblehead High School. The route is as follows: Right out of MHS Field House, walk down path through the gate at Post Office, right onto Smith St., cross Atlantic Ave. and take left on Atlantic Ave., right onto Beach St., right onto Ocean Ave., Checkpoint #1, Devereux (~1 mile). Right onto Ocean Ave. out of checkpoint, proceed over Causeway, follow Ocean Ave. to the right, Ocean becomes Follett St. Checkpoint #2: Chandler Hovey Park (~ 3 mi.) Right onto Kimball St., follow around CYC to the end, becomes Nahant St., right onto Ocean Ave., bear right onto Harbor Ave., right onto Foster Ave., continue over causway, right onto Atlantic Ave., Right onto Wyman St., right onto Bubier, cross Atlantic Ave., left onto Pleasant St., cross Baldwin Rd., left into High School up the hill to Field House. Approval is subject the receipt of the require Certificate of Insurance, no permanent markings to be made on the streets of our Town and approval from the Marblehead Police and Fire Departments. All in favor.

STATE ELECTION. A letter was read from Robin Michaud, Town Clerk, regarding the State Election on November 4, 2008. Polls will be open from 7:00am – 8:00pm. Absentee Ballots will be available until 12:00 noon November 3, 2008 at the Town Clerk's Office, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street. Any questions regarding your voter registration or where to vote please call the Clerk's Office at 781 -631-0528. The Clerk's Office will be open from 8:00am – 5:00pm on November 5, 2008.

TAXES. A letter was read from Town Treasurer Patricia Kelly Murray as it relates to 2nd Quarter Real Estate Taxes being due on Monday, November 3, 2008. If taxpayers did not receive two sets of real estate bills in June, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 781-631-1033. These bills may be paid on line through the Town's web site www.marblehead.org and clicking on On-Line Payments of Property Taxes. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law postmarks are not accepted. The payment must be in the Collector's office on or before Monday, November 3, 2008.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. A letter was read from Jack Haley as it relates to the speed limit on Leggs Hill Road. The Board will refer this letter to Chief Picariello for further review and follow up.

HOLIDAY HOURS. Abbot Hall and Mary Alley. Veterans' Day, November 11, 2008, Mary Alley and Abbot Hall will be closed for regular business. The week of Thanksgiving the following business hours will be observed at Mary Alley and Abbot Hall; Monday, November 24th 8:00am- 5:00pm; Tuesday, November 25th 8:00am – 5:00pm; Wednesday, November 26th 7:30am – 3:30pm; Thursday and Friday, November 27-28 closed all day.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:32p.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide