

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

September 27, 2006

Board met in Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. in their meeting room in Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Harry C. Christensen, Jr., Chairman
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
James E. Nye
Jeffrey N. Shribman

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2006. All in favor.

PROCLAMATION. Dr George L. MacDonald appeared before the Board to recognize William S. (Esso) Haines for all the work he has done with the youth of the Town. Motion made and seconded to declare Saturday, September 30, 2006 as William S. (Esso) Haines Day in Marblehead. All in favor.

PEACE COMMITTEE. Sandra Winter and Devon Hildreth appeared before the Board to discuss the replacement of the Peace Pole. They as well as Don Orne spoke on behalf of replacing the Pole somewhere other than Memorial Park. No action was taken.

PERMISSION . Awning. Valerie White of 12 Spring Street appeared before the Board seeking permission to place an awning overhanging the public way at 237 Washington Street. She is opening a new shop named Bobbles which will sell accessories and costume jewelry. Motion made and seconded to approve this request subject to the usual conditions and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Marblehead as an additional insured. All in favor.

QUESTION 1. George Shube of Shubie's Market Place appeared before the Board asking the Board to oppose Question 1 as it will appear on the November ballot. Approval of this question will markedly increase the number of liquor licenses in the Commonwealth to places such as supermarkets, gas stations and convenient stores. Ralph Kaplan of Swampscott also spoke in favor of this request. Motion made and seconded to write a letter opposing Question 1. All in favor.

OLIVER'S POND. Carl King appeared before the Board as it relates to the affordable units at Oliver's Pond. Motion made and seconded to approve the modification of the Comprehensive Permit, and have the Chairman sign on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Sandwich Boards. Motion made and seconded to approve the following sandwich board requests subject to the usual Rules and Regulations of the Town:

Week of October 16, 2006 – Marblehead Arts Association

“An Evening with Mark Twain”

Gatchell Green, Bailey Square, Beach and Ocean and Atlantic at Seaview

Week of October 23, 2006 – Mugford Street Players
“How I Learned to Drive”
Chamber Booth and Tent’s Corner

Week of October 30, 2006 – Marblehead Arts Association
Brushstrokes & Brushetta
Annual Fundraiser
Gatchell Green, Tent’s Corner, and Chamber Booth

Week of November 27, 2006 – TeamUp, Inc
“The Real Risks – What Every Parent Should Know about Adolescent Social
Development, Substance Use and Abuse
Chamber Booth, Bailey Square and Atlantic at Seaview

Week of December 4, 2006 – Marblehead Arts Association
Artful Giving – Artist Members’ Group Show
Gatchell Green, Tent’s Corner and Chamber Booth

All in favor.

Banners. Motion made and seconded to approve the following request for the placement of a banner subject to the usual Rules and Regulations of the Town as well as receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Marblehead as an additional insured.

Week of November 13, 2006 – Marblehead Youth Badminton
New England Junior Open

CONTRACT. Buck Consulting of Boston. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for actuarial consulting services for post employment health benefits for retired employees to Buck Consulting of Boston, Massachusetts in the amount of \$12,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

Marblehead Conservancy. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of support to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Greenway Trails Program for the Marblehead Conservancy’s Forest River Trails restoration project and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support from the Board to the granting authority. All in favor.

SEAWALL. Motion made and seconded to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Seawall Repair Grant Program in the amount of \$4.2 million and authorize the Chairman to sign the application on behalf of the Town. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Road. Motion made and seconded to grant permission to Church Landscape Construction to close Beacon Street on October 2, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon for the purpose of digging a new sewer line at 126 Beacon Street from the street to the house. A Police detail will be hired during this time. All in favor.

ABBOT HALL. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Dr. Jim Rice and Jodi Vigneron to use Abbot Hall Auditorium on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 1:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. for the Ninth Annual Holiday Pops subject to the usual Rules and Regulations. The extra time requested is for the purpose of rehearsal. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Polly Kelloway to block Brown Street from Nanepashemet to Cutter Court on Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for a block party subject to Police and Fire Departments approval. All in favor. A Block Party Sign-off sheet has been received.

PERMISSION. State Street Landing. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Kathryn J. Spencer, Development Coordinator of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter to use the State Street Landing as a rest stop on their walk route on Saturday, April 28, 2007, and to place two port-a-potties on the site. They will be using the Landing from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and will be distributing water, juices and snacks to the walkers. All in favor.

LICENSE. One Day Beer and Wine. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Thomas Commeret, Head of School of the Marblehead Community Charter Public School, to have a one-day Beer and Wine License for Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for their annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater to be held at the school at 17 Lime Street subject to the usual conditions and payment of the \$50 fee. On a polled vote, the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Shribman, in favor; Mr. Christensen, in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Pleasant Street/Ocean Ave. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Lt. Dave Millett of the Marblehead Police Department that the "No Left Turn" sign be removed from the pole at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Ocean Avenues for a 30-day trial period. All in favor.

Bailey Square. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Lt. Dave Millet of the Marblehead Police Department that the "No Turn on Red" restriction at the intersection of Maple Street, Tedesco Street and Humphrey Street be amended to read "No Turn on Walk." After a brief discussion, motion made and seconded to table. Would like a report from Lt. Millett as it relates on the right on red from Maple to Tedesco and how the turn to Humphrey Street would work. All in favor.

West Shore Drive. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Lt. Dave Millet of the Marblehead Police Department to remove seven signs reading "No Parking, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m." lining the easterly side of West Shore Drive between Lorraine Terrace and Village Street. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Abbot Hall. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Roger and Cheryl Tremblay of 14 Chestnut Street to use Abbot Hall for their daughter's wedding ceremony on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 12 noon until 4p.m. and wedding rehearsal on Friday, September 7, 2007 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. subject to the usual Rules and Regulations and receipt of the Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Marblehead as an additional insured.

PERMISSION. Sidewalk Sale. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Leslie Gould, Executive Director of the Marblehead Chamber of Commerce to allow sidewalk sales the weekend of October 14th and 15th during regular business hours, and subject to the regulations of Article 22 at the May 1st Town Meeting. All in favor.

RECREATION, PARKS AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT. R. Thomas Hamond. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to R. Thomas Hamond, Superintendent of Recreation, Parks and Forestry for his being honored with the 2006 Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association's "Peter C. O'Brien Humanitarian Award." This is the highest honor bestowed by the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association. All in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Motion made and seconded to send the request for a stop sign at the corner of Bennett Road and Knollwood Road received from Pamela Basso of Two Knollwood Road to the Traffic and Safety Committee. All in favor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion made and seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Scott J. Smith from the Finance Committee and send him a letter of appreciation. All in favor

WINTER PARKING BAN. Motion made and seconded to have the winter parking ban commence at midnight on Sunday, November 27, 2006. In the case of a snow emergency, all cars will have to get off the street. All in favor.

TRANSFER STATION. Chairman Christensen announced that the transfer station will be closed on Saturday, November 11, 2006 in honor of Veterans' Day.

VETERAN. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the mother of Jared Raymond of Swampscott who was killed in Iraq. His funeral is scheduled for tomorrow. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss strategies in regard to collective bargaining, 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. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; and Mr. Christensen, in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Patricia D. Charbonnier
Administrative Aide Pro Tem