

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

January 25, 2022

Board met in session at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM Conferencing
Present (constituting a quorum):

Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair
M. C. Moses Grader
James E. Nye
Erin M. Noonan
Alexa J. Singer

The Chair called the meeting of January 25 2022 to order. The following roll call was taken: Mrs. Noonan, present; Mr. Grader, present; Mrs. Singer, present; Mr. Nye, present; Mrs. Belf-Becker, present.

FY2022 STATE OF THE TOWN. Stephen Poulos, Finance Director, appeared before the Board to present the 2021 State of the Town. gave a presentation concerning the projected financial status of the town for FY23. The Town is facing increased financial difficulties as FY22 progresses and planning for FY23 begins. While the Town is currently in good financial health, difficult decisions will need to be made for FY23 and beyond to ensure continued fiscal stability. The Town will continue to take proactive steps to ensure future fiscal stability.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion made and seconded to adjourn into Executive session under M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 to discuss contract negotiations related to the Interim Town Administrator, where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town. Votes may be taken and, if they are, votes will be released at a time deemed appropriate by counsel. The Board will reconvene in open session. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

The Board resumed in Open Session at 7:58 p.m. The following roll call was taken: Mrs. Singer, present; Mrs. Noonan, present; Mr. Grader, present; Mr. Nye, present; Mrs. Belf-Becker, present.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR. Contract. Motion made and seconded to approve the contract between the Town and John J. McGinn, Interim Town Administrator, as prepared by Town Counsel. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

PERMISSION. Miles for Mary 5k walk/run. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from William H. Park to hold the annual Miles for Mary Memorial 5K run/walk to support Brain Cancer research on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon subject to approval from Police and Fire, Recreation and Parks Department, receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance and police details. No permanent markings shall be made on the streets and any temporary markings shall be removed at the conclusion of the event. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

DONATION ACCOUNT. Rail Trail. Motion made and seconded to establish a donation account for the Rail Trail. The Town has a Master Plan for the Rail Trail and is implementing it incrementally. The Town received \$400,000 in Complete Streets Funding and 2 DCR Trail Grants and will continue to seek funding. Checks should be made out to the Town of Marblehead and sent to Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA. Please note “Rail Trail” in the memo line.

The Board discussed the State of the Town presentation and received public comment.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Grader. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mrs. Noonan, in favor; Mr. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Singer, in favor; Mr. Grader, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide

List of documents used:
State of The Town, power point
Contract. Interim Town Administrator
Miles for Mary, 5K walk/run