

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

October 28, 2015

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, Chair
Harry C. Christensen, Jr.
Judith R. Jacobi
Bret T. Murray
James E. Nye

John J. McGinn, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 14, 2015. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 27, 2015. 4 in favor, Mr. Murray voted present.

Chair Belf-Becker welcomed Webelos Scouts from Pack 79 and their adult leaders, Del Babineau and Bryan Ruocco, to the Selectmen's meeting.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS. Public Hearing. Classification Tax Allocation Fiscal Year 2016. John P. Kelley, 22 Merritt Street, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and Michael Tumulty, Assistant Assessor, appeared before the Board to provide a report on information necessary for votes to be taken on the three available exemptions. Additionally and most importantly is the fourth vote to determine that tax factor which would shift local taxes from the residential class to the commercial, industrial and personal property classes. The Assessors presented the 2016 total valuation of the community which has received final certification from the Department of Revenue after meeting all DOR criteria and guidelines for development of fair and equitable assessments throughout the Town of Marblehead.

Residential Exemption: Classification also allows the Board of Selectmen to grant an exemption of up to 20% of the average assessed value of all Class One residential parcels, which are the principal residences of the taxpayer. This particular exemption typically provides tax relief for full time residents in vacation communities such as Nantucket or communities with a large number of non-owner occupied properties.

Motion made and seconded not to adopt the residential exemption. All in favor.

Small Commercial Exemption: Chapter 220, SS.112 and 187 of the Acts of 1993 provide for an exemption of up to 10% of the assessed value for Commercial properties with an assessment of less than \$1,000,000 dollars and employing not more than ten people in the

preceding calendar year. This particular exemption benefits only the property owner, as the law does not require the tax relief be passed through to the business owner. If adopted, this exemption shifts the tax burden onto other Commercial and Industrial properties.

Motion made and seconded not to adopt the small commercial exemption. All in favor.

Open Space Discount : Chapter 59 Section 2A allows for a maximum of 25% exemption for property classified as Open Space. "Class Two, open space" is land which is not otherwise classified and which is not taxable under the provisions of chapters 61, 61A, or 61B, or taxable under a permanent conservation restriction, and which land is not held for the production of income but is maintained in an open or natural condition, and which contributes significantly to the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. The Board of Assessors has determined that no property in Town meets the strict definition of open space.

Motion made and seconded not to adopt the open space discount. All in favor.

Rate Factor: Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982 requires the decision to shift the property tax burden from one property class to another to be made by the Board of Selectmen, after a public hearing. The statute provides a maximum allowable portion of the Tax Levy up to 150% to be borne by Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property (CIP Class) and a minimum allowable portion to be borne by the Residential Class.

Motion made and seconded to adopt a single rate factor of 1, all parcels to be levied at 100%. All in favor.

The Board of Assessors will submit the vote by the Board and all supporting financial documentation to the Department of Revenue for certification of the 2016 Tax Rate.

VETERANS' AGENT. Veterans' Day Celebration. Dave Rodgers, Veterans' Agent, appeared before the Board to announce that the Town will hold its traditional Veterans' Day service on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in Abbot Hall Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. Congressman Seth Moulton is the principal speaker. Doors to Abbot Hall will open at 9:00 a.m. Shuttle service will be provided from the original National Grand Bank parking lot starting at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately following the ceremony at the VFW, 321 West Shore Drive. All are welcome.

MARBLEHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Christmas Walk Requests. Beth Ferris, Marblehead Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, George Barbuzzi, Gene Arnold and Dick McKinley appeared before the Board seeking permissions for the annual Christmas Walk and Parade. The following motions were made:
Motion made and seconded to approve the following requests subject to receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance: **Annual Tree Lighting** - Friday, December 4, 2015 at the National Grand Bank parking lot. Event starts at 6pm, tree lighting at 7pm.

45th Annual Christmas Walk Parade – Saturday, December 5, 2015. Parade to start at State Street Landing at 11:45 a.m. and continue onto Washington Street and down Atlantic Avenue (approximately 12:30 – 12:45 p.m.) turn right on Gerry Street, right on Pleasant Street (approximately 12:45 – 1:00 pm), continue down Pleasant Street by the Village Plaza to the National Grand parking lot.

Holiday Wreaths and Garland. Hang approximately 150 holiday wreaths and garland pole wraps throughout the central business district starting the week of November 16, 2015 subject to approval from the Marblehead Municipal Light Department and receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance. Wreaths and garland shall be removed by January 8, 2016. All in favor.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. Interviews/Appointment. Max Freedman, 18 Jane Road and Daniel W. Shea, 1 Phillips Street appeared before the Board as it relates to the vacancy on the Registrars of Voters. The Board interviewed Margaret Herrick at a Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Motion made and seconded to place all three applicants into nomination. All in favor. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Murray, Mr. Shea; Mr. Christensen, Mr. Shea; Mrs. Jacobi, Mr. Shea. Daniel Shea appointed Registrar of Voters with a term to expire in May 2016.

CONTRACT. 2016 Fireworks Display. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for the 2016 Fireworks Display to Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group, Inc., Jaffrey, New Hampshire, in the amount of thirty eight thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$38,500) and authorize the Chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE. Recommendation. Building Commissioner. Motion made and seconded to recommend to the Compensation Committee the step placement of Richard Baldacci, Building Commissioner, at Step 4 of the Group 55 Administrative Pay Scale. All in favor.

GIFT TO TOWN. Used Car. Motion made and seconded to accept, as a gift to the Town, the donation of a used car from David Rosenberg of Prime Motor Group to be used for assorted police purposes and to send a letter of thanks. All in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Street Closings. 45th Annual Marblehead Christmas Walk Parade. Tree Lighting. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Chief Picariello for the following street closings and traffic changes for the 45th Annual Marblehead Christmas Walk Parade and tree lighting:

Tree Lighting Friday, December 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – National Grand Parking Lot.

In the event of an overflow crowd that creates a public safety concern the Chief is authorized to close either Pleasant Street between School Street and Spring Street or Essex Street between Atlantic Avenue and Pleasant Street. In either case, traffic will be interrupted only if necessary.

Saturday, December 5, 2014, Santa's arrival at Clark Landing and Parade. The parking lot at Clark Landing to be closed entirely at 8:30 a.m. until such time as it is safe to reopen. Staging for the parade will be on Front Street between the Boston Yacht Club

and State Street (including Darling Street,) at about 10:30 a.m., then stepping off from Clark Landing on a route including State Street, Washington Street, Atlantic Avenue, Gerry Street and Pleasant Street. Close Front Street between Water Street, State Street and Darling Street in its entirety from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to facilitate the staging and departure of the Parade. All streets along the parade route will be controlled by police officers as needed to facilitate the safe passage of the parade. All in favor.

PERMISSION. 10K/Fun Run. JCC of the North Shore. Motion made and second to approve the request from Andrew Dalton, Event Director, Jewish Community Center of the North Shore, to hold the 4th annual Driedel Dash Fun Runs on Sunday, December 6, 2015 starting at 12:00 noon subject to approval from Chief Picariello and Marblehead Municipal Light, receipt of the required Certificate of Insurance and the maximum # of participants not to exceed 75. Approval is also subject to the weather conditions. All in favor.

PARKING REGULATIONS. School Street. Cleanup. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Arthur Graves, Director, Department of Public Works, to temporarily make the back parking lot behind the Marblehead Little Theatre a **NO PARKING – TOW ZONE** for Tuesday, November 3, 2015 from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm to facilitate cleanup of the area. All in favor.

CONTRACT. Tedesco Street Crosswalk. Motion made and seconded to award the contract for the Tedesco Street sidewalk and crosswalk project to Bartlett and Steadman Co. Inc. of Marblehead in the amount of forty six thousand nine hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$46,900.00) and authorize the chair to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

CONTRACT. Reject Bids. Motion made and seconded to reject all bids received in response to the town's invitation to bid for the Overhead Door at the DPW garage. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Emerald Avenue. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Kelly Duggan, 4 Emerald Avenue, to block in front of #4 Emerald Avenue, Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a block party. All in favor.

WINTER PARKING BAN. The winter parking ban will commence at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015 and continue until April 15, 2016. No parking is allowed on any street for a period of time longer than one (1) hour between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m. In the case of a snow emergency prior to November 30, 2015 all cars will be required to be off the public way and the winter parking ban would be in effect immediately. This information is posted on the Town's website, www.marblehead.org, at the entrances to Town, on MHTV and in all local newspapers. No Warning Tickets will be given. Do not park your car on the street on Sunday night.

HOLIDAY HOURS. Abbot Hall and Mary A. Alley Building. Veterans' Day.

Abbot Hall and Mary A. Alley Building will be closed for regular business on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in observance of Veterans' Day. **Thanksgiving.** The following hours of operation will be observed at Abbot Hall and the Mary A. Alley Building the week of Thanksgiving: November 23 – 27, 2015

Monday, November 23, 2015 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25, 2015 8:00 am – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 2015 CLOSED ALL DAY

Friday, November 27, 2015 CLOSED ALL DAY

MARBLEHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT. Firefighter of the Year Awards.

Notification was received from Chief Gilliland informing them that Acting Lieutenant Grant Glavin and Firefighters Eric Ridge and Mark Borowski will be honored for their outstanding act of heroism and bravery at the 26th Annual Firefighter of the Year Award Ceremony on November 23, 2015 at the MIT Kresge Auditorium in Cambridge for the events of March 24, 2015 at 13 Sewall Street. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to all. All in favor.

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 2, 2015. 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.

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY. The Board has received letters as it relates to the proposed Assisted Living Facility. Motion made and seconded to send a response to these individuals advising them as to the appropriate board to send their letters to. All in favor.

VACANCIES/DEADLINES. The Board of Selectmen are receiving letters of interest for the following vacancies:

School Committee. Deadline for submission is Thursday November 12, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume (by mail, hand delivered, or by email, addresses below) to both of the following on the same day:

School Administration Office

Attention Ms. Leonardson

9 Widger Road

Marblehead MA 01945

Email: darisse.carmen@marbleheadschoools.org, in subject line: "Attn: Ms. Leonardson, School Committee Application"

Board of Selectmen

Attention Ms. Belf-Becker

Abbot Hall

188 Washington Street

Marblehead MA 01945

Email: wileyk@marblehead.org, In subject line: "Attn: Ms. Belf-Becker, School Committee Application"

All applicants will be interviewed in a joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen on Wednesday November 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at Abbot Hall.

Conservation Commission. Deadline to submit letters is Friday, December 4, 2015 at 12:00 noon to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street. Applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

Finance Committee. Deadline to submit letters is Friday, December 4, 2015 at 12:00 noon to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street. Applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

CONDOLENCE. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the family of Jake Moore. All in favor.

CONDOLENCE. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the family of Wilbur Bassett. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide