

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

June 10, 2009

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
Harry C. Christensen, Jr.
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 May 27, 2009. 3 voted in favor, 2 voted present.

EAGLE SCOUT. Chief Jason Gilliland appeared before the Selectmen with Kevin Joyce, Troop 11, to present to the Board his Eagle Scout project. On June 21st and 22nd Kevin, with the aid of fellow Scouts and adults, will be checking the height and condition of fire hydrants in the area of Washington Street and Orne Street. He will be checking specifically the height of each hydrant from the ground up to make sure the turning radius of the needed 4-inch wrench used by the fire department will fit and also to repaint, measure the distance and number the nearest telephone poles. The Board congratulated Kevin and wished him good luck with his project.

OLD AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION. Appeals Hearing. Charles Bridges, applicant, 8 South Street, Lisa L. Mead, Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC representing the Old and Historic District Commission and Pat Patrick, Chairman of the Old and Historic Districts Commission appeared before the Board as it relates to an appeal by the applicant of the Old and Historic Districts Commission decision to deny a certificate of appropriateness for 17 Middle Street. Mr. Bridges made a presentation to the Board in support of the appeal. Attorney Mead presented evidence in support of the Commission's decision to deny the certificate of appropriateness. The following citizens also spoke; George Page, 1 Risley Road; Allison Hardy, Window Women of New England, Topsfield; John Read, 18 Middle Street; Betty Hunt 38 Orne Street; Craig Davis, 52 Lee Street; Cheryl Boots, 67 Elm Street; Peter Lake, 8 Ferry Lane; Bruce Greenwald, 32 High Street; Susan Bragdon, 4 High Street; Sally Sands, 28 Franklin Street. After discussion by the Board, motion made and seconded that the Old and Historic Districts Commission acted arbitrarily and capriciously. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, in favor, Mr. Woodfin, opposed; Mrs. Jacobi, opposed; Mr. Christensen, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, opposed. Motion fails.

RECESS. The Board took a 10 minute recess.

CONSTABLE. Appointment. Robert J. Edwards appeared before the Board seeking appointment as Constable to serve civil process. Motion made and seconded to appoint Robert J. Edwards as Constable to serve civil process for the Town of Marblehead with a term to expire in May 2010 subject to receipt of the proper bond on file in the Town Clerk's office. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Filming. Motion made and seconded to approve a request from Susan G. Bryant to take pictures and film various Elbridge Gerry artifacts in Abbot Hall on July 4, 2009 for an independent documentary film on Gerrymandering. All in favor.

VOTE. Amend Contract. Motion made and seconded to reconsider the vote of December 10, 2008 as it relates to the contract with William Murray Studios. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to amend the payment terms as outlined in the contract with William Murray Studios and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

BELLRINGING. 4th of July. Motion made and seconded to request that the Church bells throughout the town be rung on July 4th at the usual holiday hours:

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All in favor.

PERMISSION. Boston Yacht Club, Halifax Race. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Michael A. Mentuck, Halifax Race Committee Member, to approve the request to allow a 28-foot cargo van to be placed along the fence outside the main entrance of the Boston Yacht Club, 1 Front Street, from Thursday, July 2nd through the morning of Sunday, July 5th subject to approval from the Marblehead Police and Fire Department. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Horribles Parade. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Paul E. Jalbert for the Gerry #5 Veteran Fireman's Association, Inc. to hold the annual Horribles Parade on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at 10:00am with a rain date of Sunday, July 5th. Registration will begin at 8:00am at the former Osborne's parking lot on School Street. All in favor.

ASSISTANT CARE-TAKER. Appointment. Motion made and seconded to appoint Jeffrey P. Flynn Assistant Care-Taker, Fort Beach with a term to expire in May 2010. All in favor.

FORT SEWALL. Vote. Motion made and seconded to award the contract for the Fort Sewall improvement project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder William Faia and Sons of Swampscott, MA in the amount of forty two thousand five hundred and

seventy dollars (\$42,570.00) and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the board. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Jennifer Tapper to block Miles Standish Road from 8 Miles Standish Road to the intersection of Miles Standish and Strafford Street on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 3:00 – 8:00pm with a rain date of Sunday, June 28, 2009. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Susan Barone, 9 Pickwick Road, to block Pickwick Road, between numbers 9-16, Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 3:30 – 8:30pm. All in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING. Applicants. Letters were read from Catherine Brown and Lauri LaChance as it relates to their interest in serving on the Board of the Council on Aging. Motion made and seconded to accept letters of intent from all interested parties who would like to serve on the Board of the Council on Aging. Letters of intent should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945 by Friday, June 19, 2009 at 12:00 noon. All in favor. Interviews will be scheduled for June 24, 2009.

CONDOLENCES. Motion made and seconded to send a condolence letter to the family of William Quigley. All in favor.

ENERGY SAVINGS IDEA CONTEST. Winners. Motion made and seconded to invite the winners of the Energy Savings Idea Contest, recently held at the Green Fair on April 18th and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, to the Board's next meeting to present their winning ideas.

CONGRATULATIONS. The Board congratulated the Marblehead High School graduating class of 2009.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 10:17pm. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide