

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

June 24, 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 June 10, 2009. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT. Robert V. Jolly, General Manager, appeared before the Board seeking request to restrict parking along Atlantic Avenue and Commercial Street to accommodate the delivery of two large power transformers, crane and associated equipment relating to the Commercial Substation replacement project. Motion made and seconded to restrict parking on both sides of Atlantic Avenue in front of numbers 47, 49 and 50 as well as both sides of Commercial Street from the intersection of Atlantic Avenue up to numbers 21 and 30 from 6:00am – 4:00pm on August 25, 2009. Additionally access to Commercial and a section of Walnut Street will be restricted except for residential or emergency access. All business owners have been notified of the restrictions. All in favor.

EAGLE SCOUT. Project Presentation. Brian Orne, 120 Pleasant Street, appeared before the Board to present his recently completed Eagle Scout project. With the help of the Water/Sewer Department Brian cleared the area along the bike path at the Village Street Bridge, building a retaining basin so the water would be able to flow through the drain. The Board congratulated Brian and thanked him on behalf of the Town for his hard work and dedication.

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION. Logo Presentation. Helaine Hazlett, Task Force co-chair, Joe Whipple and Harvey Michaels, Task Force members and Michael Harper, 11 Seaview Avenue, Logo contest winner, appeared before the Board. In anticipation of the Task Force celebrating their 20th Anniversary in August Marblehead High School Fine Arts Department held a design contest for a new logo for the Task Force. Michael Harper presented his winning Logo design to the Board stating that his design ideas came from working with the original logo and bringing it more in line with today's meaning of diversity. Joe Whipple thanked the Board for issuing the Proclamation celebrating the 20th anniversary. Harvey Michaels spoke of the horrible desecration act 20 years ago and the march that took place the following week uniting people from every walk of life. Many events are planned throughout the Town on

August 1 -3rd and the community is invited to participate. Helaine Hazlett thanked the community for being vigilante and good neighbors. Motion made and seconded to accept as a gift, on behalf of the Town, the winning design “No Place for Hate” drawing to be hung in Abbot Hall. All in favor.

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE. HOME Funds. Dirk Isbrandtsen, 11 Everett Paine Boulevard and Kurt James, 56 Norman Street appeared before the Board requesting approval from the Board to allocate federal HOME Investment Program Funds to allow the Marblehead Community Housing Corporation to purchase a 3 bedroom condominium unit located at 18B Pond Street. After discussion motion made and seconded to allocate \$95,000 from Marblehead’s allocation of federal HOME Investment Program funds to this effort. All in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING. Interviews. Appointments. The Board of Selectmen interviewed the following four individuals for a position on the Board of Directors of the Council on Aging: Catherine Brown, John Crowley, Lauri LaChance and Freda Hoyt McGuire. Motion made and seconded to place all four candidates names in for nomination. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, McGuire; Mrs. Jacobi, Crowley; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, McGuire. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, McGuire; Mr. Woodfin, McGuire; Mrs. Jacobi, McGuire; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, McGuire. Freda Hoyt McGuire appointed to the Board of Directors for the Council on Aging with a term to expire in 2012.

On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, LaChance; Mrs. Jacobi, Crowley; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, Crowley. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, LaChance; Mrs. Jacobi, Crowley; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, Crowley. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, LaChance; Mrs. Jacobi, Crowley; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, Crowley. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, LaChance; Mrs. Jacobi, Crowley; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, Brown. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, Brown; Mrs. Jacobi, LaChance; Mr. Christensen, Brown; Mrs. Belf-Becker, Brown. Catherine Brown is appointed to the Board of Directors for the Council on Aging with a term to expire in 2012.

On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, LaChance; Mr. Woodfin, LaChance; Mrs. Jacobi, Crowley; Mr. Christensen, Crowley; Mrs. Belf-Becker, Crowley. John Crowley is appointed to the Board of Directors for the Council on Aging with a term to expire in 2012.

RECUSAL. Jackie Belf-Becker and Harry C. Christensen recused themselves from the upcoming vote.

CHAIRMAN. Appointment Pro-Tem. Motion made and seconded to appoint Selectmen Nye as acting chair. All in favor.

6B CLIFF STREET. Lease. Motion made and seconded to award the lease for of a portion of land and an approximate 1,100 square foot portion of the building at 6B Cliff Street for the

operation of Marblehead Yacht Club for a ten year period in the amount of Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year and to have Town Counsel review the lease and have the Chairman sign on behalf of the Board. 3 voted in favor, 2 voted present.

CHAIRMAN. Appointment. Motion made and seconded to restore Jackie Belf-Becker as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting. All in favor.

OLD BURIAL HILL. Grant Allocation. Donation Account. Oversight Committee.

Grant Allocation. Motion made and seconded to accept the grant allocation from the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund for the development of a historic burying ground study at Old Burial Hill and designate Rebecca Curran, Town Planner, the Local Project Coordinator. All in favor.

Donation Account. Motion made and seconded to authorize the establishment of a donation account for study and improvements at Old Burial Hill. All in favor.

Old Burial Hill Oversight Committee. Motion made and seconded to establish a five member Old Burial Hill Oversight Committee to consist of one member of the Cemetery Commission and four at large members. All persons interested in serving on this committee should submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, by Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 5:00pm. All in favor.

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES. Pump Out Boat Grant. Vote. Motion made and seconded to continue the Town's Pump Out Boat Grant contract with the Division of Marine Fisheries through the Massachusetts Clean Vessel Act for a period of one year and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Margaret and Timothy Slattery to block Taft Street on Saturday, July 4, 2009 from 2:00pm – 8:00pm for the 20th annual 4th of July block party. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Block Party. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Autumn Moran to block off all of Drumlin Road and Carlton Road from the intersection of Rockaway Avenue to 18 Carlton Road on Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm for a block party. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT. Traffic Patterns. 4th of July and Marblehead Festival of Arts. The following traffic patterns and street closing will be observed:

Marblehead Horribles Parade, Saturday, July 4, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon:

Beginning at 8:00am School Street between Pleasant Street and Atlantic Avenue will be closed to all traffic to facilitate the parade registration. At about 9:00am Pleasant Street will be closed between Spring Street and Washington Street (South), Spring Street will become one way from Pleasant Street to Sewall Street and Essex Street will be closed in its entirety during the staging and movement of the parade.

Fireworks Display, Saturday, July 4, 2009 9:00 p.m. (rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2009)

7:00pm – Front Street is closed to all traffic and NO PARKING between Franklin Street and Fort Sewall Lane. Franklin Street becomes one way from Front Street to Washington Street.

Washington Street becomes one way from Franklin Street to State Street. **After the Fireworks:**

Traffic leaving the neck will merge with traffic leaving beach parking lots and be allowed only a right or left turn at Ocean and Atlantic Avenues. Front Street is closed at State Street to allow for pedestrians along Front Street coming from Fort Sewall area. State Street becomes one way from Front Street to Washington Street. All traffic from the area between State Street and Franklin Street as well as Pond Street will be directed along Mugford Street and Green Street to West Shore Drive. MBTA route between 6:00pm and 11:00pm is; Pleasant to Spring to Elm to Mugford to Washington Street past Abbot Hall to Essex to Pleasant with lay over at Starbucks.

Marblehead Street Festival, Sunday, July 5, 2009 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.:

Washington Street will be closed and parking will not be allowed along Washington Street between Rockaway Street and State Street from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. It is strongly recommended that those living or conducting business within the aforementioned confines relocate their vehicles prior to 11:00am lest they get blocked in.

MARBLEHEAD REPUBLIC TOWN COMMITTEE. Registrar of Voters. Appointment.

Motion made and seconded to appoint Joyce Lofmark as Registrar of Voters with a term to expire in 2012. All in favor.

LICENSING. Second Hand Dealer. Motion made and seconded to approve the application from the following business for a Second Hand Dealers License subject to receipt of the required forms, fees and CORI approval:

Two Girls Shop
75 Washington Street
Emily Edelman
Pia Schoeck
All in favor.

COMCAST. Comcast Cable License PEG Access Funds. Motion made and seconded, on advice from William August, Assistant Town Counsel, that the Board authorize the release of funds in the amount of \$225,000 to Marblehead Community Access and Media, Inc. to use as customary for PEG access operations. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Use of Abbot Hall. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Jennifer Spungin, owner, Marblehead School of Music, to use Abbot Hall on Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 10:00am – 6:00pm for a winter concert subject to the usual rules, regulations, fees and receipt of the require Certificate of Insurance. All in favor.

FORESTRY BUILDING. Fire Alarm System. Vote. Motion made and seconded to award a contract to Security Alert Systems Inc. of Peabody, Massachusetts for the installation of a fire Alarm system at the Forestry Department Building in the amount of five thousand two hundred and seventy four and 75/100 dollars (\$5274.75) and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Naugus Avenue and Johns Road.

Motion made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Traffic and Safety Advisory Committees to take no action on the request for a stop sign at the intersection of Naugus Avenue and Johns Road. All in favor.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS. Foster Street. Motion made and seconded to approve the following parking restrictions: NO PARKING any time in front of the Sewer Pumping Station on the southeast side of Foster Street beginning at a point 250 feet southwesterly from the southwesterly sideline of Ballast Lane and continuing in a southwesterly direction for 27 feet along Foster Street. All in favor.

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE. Zaika Restaurant. A letter was read from Kathleen P. Dwyer, attorney for Zaika restaurant as it relates to the status of the All Alcoholic Beverage License at 161 Pleasant Street. After discussion motion made and seconded to hold the license in abeyance until the Board meets on July 22, 2009 at which time if no business plan or purchase and sale is presented the Board by the license holder the Board will set a date for a revocation hearing on the All Alcoholic Beverage License. All in favor.

BOARD OF HEALTH. Rubbish, Recycling and Transfer Station Hours. There will be normal Curbside Rubbish and Recycling Collection on Monday, June 29th through Friday, July 3rd. There will be NO collection schedule changes for that week and the week following the July 4th holiday. The **Transfer Station** and areas within that facility will be open for normal operations on Monday, June 29th through Friday, July 3rd. The **Transfer Station** and areas within the facility will be closed on Saturday, July 4th and will reopen on Monday, July 6th.

MARBLEHEAD HISTORICAL COMMISSION. Resignation. A letter was read from Kenneth Cole regarding his father, Dr. Raymond Cole, who is currently a member of the Historic Commission. Motion made and seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Dr. Raymond Cole and to appoint him member emeritus of the Historical Commission and to send Dr. Cole a letter of appreciation. All in favor.

MBTA Advisory Board. Transportation Reform Bill. Motion made and seconded to send a letter from the Board to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House expressing the Boards dismay with the recent developments relating to the passage of the Transportation Reform Bill. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Motion made and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategies in regard to collective bargaining and contract negotiations, votes may be taken, and if they are, votes will be released at a time deemed appropriate by Counsel. The Board will not reconvene in open session. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Nye, in favor; Mr. Woodfin, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Christensen, if favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:02 p.m.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide