

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

October 14, 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
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 September 23, 2009. 2 voted in favor, 1 voted present.

RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT. Gift to the Town. Motion made and seconded to accept as a gift to the Town the newly refurbished basketball court at Seaside Park. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of appreciation. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Annual MDA Halloween Motorcycle Run. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Officer Charles Joyner, Everett Police Department, to travel through Marblehead on Sunday, October 18, 2009 as part of their Annual Halloween Motorcycle Run subject to approval from the Marblehead Police Department. They will come in from Lynn Shore Drive to Rt. 129 into Swampscott (Humphrey Street) to Maple Street in Marblehead and take a left onto 114 West into Salem. The run will leave Everett at 1:00 p.m. and should arrive in Marblehead at approximately 2:00pm. All in favor.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. Conflict of Interest Law. In accordance with Section 102 of the state's conflict of interest law and the State Ethics Commission's enabling act motion made and seconded to appoint Jeffrey N. Shribman as Municipal Liaison to the Ethics Commission. All in favor.

OLD AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION. Appointment. Karyn Lang, 10 Mugford Street, appeared before the Board as it relates to serving on the Old and Historic Districts Commission. Motion made and seconded to appoint Karyn Lang to the Old and Historic Districts Commission, alternate position, with a term to expire in May 2010. All in favor.

MBTA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Appointment. John Heffernan appeared before the Board as it relates to serving on the MBTA Advisory Committee. Motion made and seconded to appoint John Heffernan to the MBTA Advisory Committee with a term to expire in May 2010. All in favor.

FORT SEWAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. Appointment. Motion made and seconded to appoint Brenda Arnold as the Old Marblehead Improvement Association member of the Fort Sewall Oversight Committee. All in favor.

HOLIDAY HOURS. Abbot Hall and Mary Alley. Motion made and seconded to approve the following holiday hours for Abbot Hall and Mary Alley:

Week of November 9 – 13th

Monday, November 9 th	8:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday, November 10 th	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, November 11 th	Veterans' Day - CLOSED
Thursday, November 12 th	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, November 13 th	8:00am – 1:00pm

Week of November 23rd – November 27th

Monday, November 23 rd	8:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday, November 24 th	8:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, November 25 th	8:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday, November 26 th	HOLIDAY - CLOSED
Friday, November 27 th	HOLIDAY - CLOSED

WINTER PARKING BAN. Motion made and seconded to have the winter parking ban commence at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2009 and continue until April 15, 2010. In the case of a snow emergency prior to November 30, 2009 all cars will be required to be off the public way and the winter parking ban would be in effect immediately. All in favor.

TRAFFIC/ENGINEERING STUDY. Contract. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for a Traffic/Engineering study of the area of Pleasant Street, between Bessom and Smith Street to Fay, Spofford and Thorndike of Boston, Massachusetts in the amount of fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$14,500) and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract of behalf of the Board. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Use of Fort Sewall. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Larry Sands, Chairman Fort Sewall Oversight Committee, to hold an event at Fort Sewall on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 2:00pm for the dedication of the Fort Sewall Memorial Benches. No food or beverage will be served and it will not interfere with the public's use of Fort Sewall. All in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Temporary Parking Restrictions. Roundhouse Road. Motion made and seconded to temporarily make Roundhouse Road, railroad –right-of-way, as well as the One-Way, upper portion of Anderson Street, a **NO PARKING, TOW ZONE** area for the purpose of the annual clean-up and repairs on the following dates:
October 27, 2009 from 7:00am – 4:00pm
October 28, 2009 from 7:00am – 4:00pm
All in favor.

CONTRACT. Vote. Fire Alarm Installation. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for installation of fire alarm system at Franklin Street fire station in the amount of six thousand two hundred and eighty dollars (\$6280.00) to Jemp-Marc Security Company of Middleton, MA and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

CONTRACT. Vote. Stump Grinder. Motion made and seconded to award a contract to furnish and deliver one new unused stump grinder to Nyne Equipment of Hopkinton, Massachusetts in the amount of twenty six thousand nine hundred and ninety eight (\$26,998.00) and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. All in favor.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT. Applicants. Motion made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen is now receiving letters of intent from all individuals interested in filling the vacant seat on the Cemetery Commission. This appointment would expire in May 2010 at which time the appointed person would need to run for election to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the passing of Mr. Dexter C. Gillis. Submit letters of intent to the Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street and the Cemetery Commission, 294 West Shore Drive, Marblehead, MA.

MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT. Examination Notice. Police Lieutenant. A letter was read from Jenifer Murphy of the Human Resources Division advising the Selectmen that fewer than four eligible applicants filed for the October 17, 2009 departmental promotional examination for Police Lieutenant, announcement number 2566, for the Marblehead Police Department. Accordingly, this exam has been postponed and will be rescheduled for the next promotional public safety examination cycle when the exam will be opened to the personnel in the next lower grade as required by statute. **Examination Notice. Police Captain.** A letter was read from Jenifer Murphy of the Human Resources Division advising the Selectmen that fewer than four eligible applicants filed for the October 17, 2009 departmental promotional examination for Police Captain, announcement number 1270, for the Marblehead Police Department. Accordingly, this exam has been postponed and will be rescheduled for the next promotional public safety examination cycle when the exam will be opened to the personnel in the next lower grade as required by statute. Motion made and seconded to invite Chief Robert Picariello to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this. All in favor.

RETIREMENT BOARD. Annual 2010 Budget. As required by M.G.L. Chapter 32, Section 22; Chapter 306 of the Acts of 1996 requires the Retirement Board to submit a copy of the annual budget at least 30 days prior to adoption of said budget to the appropriate legislative body of the governmental units of the employees they serve. Motion made and seconded to acknowledge receipt of the annual 2010 budget from the Retirement Board. All in favor.

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Presentation. School Merger. Marcia L. Sweeney, Vice Chair and Amelia O'Malley, Superintendent of the North Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District, appeared before the Board to make a presentation on the proposed merger of North Shore Technical High School and Essex Agricultural High School. After the presentation and discussion a motion was made and seconded that the Board of Selectmen support the merger and provide Marcia Sweeney and the Superintendent O'Malley a letter of endorsement to be included in the presentation packet. All in favor.

GRASSE, FRANCE. Sister City Partnership. The Board reviewed a proposed calendar of events for the Marblehead/Grasse Sister City partnership. Myriam Zuber, Grasse Liaison and Catherine Doherty, 7 Dean Road were present to answer questions from the Selectmen. After discussion motion made and seconded that the Board recognize the sister city relationship between Marblehead and Grasse, France. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to encourage the sister city committee to seek private fundraising in supporting the cultural exchange between Marblehead and Grasse, France. 3 voted in favor, 1 voted present.

TOWN COUNSEL. Inquiry. Motion made and seconded to have the Chairman of the Board consult with Counsel as to the proper forum for the Board to receive a status review of the current investigation surrounding the tragic death of Allie Castner. All in favor.

COUNCIL ON AGING. Award. Ed Bell, 5 Elmwood Road, Chairman of the Council on Aging appeared before the Board to tell them of the recent “Innovator of the Year Award” the Council on Aging received for development of the Wisdom Works Employment Program. Mr. Bell expressed his appreciation to Pat Roberts, Director of the COA, Clark Willmott and Ralph Roberto for their expertise and dedication in the development of this program. Ten other communities will be starting pilot programs based on Marblehead’s plan. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of congratulations to these individuals. All in favor.

COMCAST. Public Hearing. License Renewal. There will be a public hearing on October 28, 2009 at 7:35 p.m. with the Board of Selectmen and the Cable Oversight Committee in the Selectmen’s meeting room concerning the cable television license renewal process and a possible Comcast renewal license. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to express their opinions and concerns.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Applicants. The Board of Selectmen is now accepting letters of intent from all those interested in serving on the Finance Committee. Deadline for submitting letters is Friday, October 30, 2009 at 12:00 noon. Submit letters of intent to Board of Selectmen, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Aide