

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

February 13, 2008

Board met in Session at 7:30 p.m. in their Meeting Room at Abbot Hall.

Present (constituting a quorum):

Harry C. Christensen, Jr., Chairman
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
William L. Woodfin, II

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 11, 2008. All in favor.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to award a contract to for updating the GIS orthophotography of the town to Chas.H. Sells, Inc of Charlton, Massachusetts in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Three hundred dollars (\$13,300) and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor.

VOTE. Motion made and seconded to award a contract for the repair and refinishing of the floors in Abbot Hall to ABC Wood Floors Inc. of Wakefield, MA in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven (\$16,587.00) and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the board. Funds for this project are from the Historical Commission. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Walk/Run. Motion made and seconded to remove from the table a request from Amanda Velluto, Junior Aid Society. All in favor. Motion made and seconded to approve the request of Amanda Velluto, on behalf of the Junior Aid Society, to hold a walk/run on May 18, 2008 with all the proceeds going to local charities. The walk will begin at Devereux Beach at 10:00am, proceed down Beach Street to Atlantic Avenue, down the Preston Beach and then back to Devereux Beach. Approval is subject to receipt of a Certificate of Insurance, approval from the Marblehead Police Department and no permanent markings to be made on our streets. All in favor.

RECREATION AND PARKS. Revolving Funds. Motion made and seconded to approve the request from Tom Hamond to continue a revolving fund for \$300,000 as established by the Town Meeting under the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E for the Recreation, Parks & Forestry Department. All in favor.

MARBLEHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Revolving Funds.

Motion made and seconded to approve the request of David Keniston to re-authorize the School Tuition Revolving Fund. This fund is set at \$50,000. All in favor.

Motion made and seconded to re-authorize the Special Education Revolving Fund. This fund is set at \$450,000. All in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Buchanan and Eisenhower Road. Motion made and seconded to forward a letter from Gussie Score, McKinley Road, to the Traffic and Safety Commission for further review.

RECREATION, PARKS & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT. Retirement. R. Thomas Hamond. A letter was read from Tom Hamond as it relates to his twelve month notice of intent to retire. Motion made and seconded to accept with regret Tom Hamond's letter. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING. Wine and Malt License w/ Cordials Permit. The Harbor Light Inn. Peter Conway appeared before the Board seeking a Wine and Malt License w/ Cordials Permit for the Harbor Light Inn located at 54-58 Washington Street. The Inn has seating for 41 in the Dining Rooms and 14 in the parlor areas. Mike Mentuck, 37 Harris Street, spoke in favor of the applicant, no one spoke in opposition. Motion made and seconded to approve the request for a Wine and Malt License w/ Cordials Permit to the Harbor Light Inn. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Woodfin; in favor, Mrs. Jacobi; in favor, Mrs. Belf-Becker; in favor, Mr. Christensen; in favor. Motion passed.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Resignation. A letter of resignation was read from Betsy Rickards. Motion made and seconded to accept her resignation with regret and to send a letter thanks for her 8 years of service to the Conservation Commission. All in favor.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Appointment. Motion made and seconded to place the names of Jacqueline Rosenthal and Donald Tritschler, previously interviewed by the Board, into nomination for appointment to the Conservation Commission. On a polled vote the Board voted as follows: Mr. Woodfin; Donald Tritschler, Mrs. Jacobi; Donald Tritschler, Mrs. Belf-Becker; Donald Tritschler, Mr. Christensen; Donald Tritschler. Donald Tritschler is appointed to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire in 2010.

LICENSING. All Alcoholic Beverages. John Tanguosso, owner Maddie's Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Maddie's Sail Loft appeared before the Board to update them on matters relating to Maddie's liquor license. Mr. Tanguosso stated that he was actively marketing the business for sale through the Boston Restaurant Group. He also stated another option he may pursue is to renovate and reopen the downstairs of the building in April with regular business hours and food. Jane Tanguosso remains the active manager and is in contact with the Board of Health to ensure that the building is sound and secure. The Board invited Mr. Tanguosso to appear before them on April 9, 2008 to further update them.

SENATOR THOMAS M. MCGEE. Sen. McGee appeared before the Board and gave an update on issues of local aid and funding for the causeway seawall project. He reported that the \$400,000 approved by the Seaport Bond Council requires legislative action. He also informed the Board he is seeking additional funds through the Transportation Bond Bill.

1893 U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD Bell. Christopher Benning, a Marblehead native presently living in Amherst, Massachusetts appeared before the Board to tell them how he discovered the 1893 U.S.S. Marblehead Bell while attending a seminar at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park and his efforts to help the Town of Marblehead acquire the Bell. The Bell, an unarmored cruiser, built in Boston and launched in 1892 was commissioned in 1894. MARBLEHEAD saw action off Cuba during the Spanish-American War and later was in San Francisco Bay at the time of the 1906 earthquake. MARBLEHEAD was decommissioned in 1919 and sold out to the Navy in 1921. The Town Administrator noted the following individuals who also helped to bring the Bell back to Marblehead; Paul Lausier, Wayne Butler, Bill Conly and the Historical Commission and David Smith, of Marblehead. Mr. Woodfin suggested that Christopher's story be documented and placed in Abbot Hall in order to preserve the written history of the Bell.

RECESS. Motion made and seconded to recess for 3 minutes at 8:35pm and to resume in open session. All in favor.

Resumed in open session at 8:38pm.

Motion made and seconded to accept the 1893 U.S.S. Marblehead Bell and place in the Historical Commission's possession and to send of thanks letter to all individuals involved. All in favor.

CONDOLENCE. Motion made and seconded to send a letter of condolence to the family of Joan Von Sternberg who recently passed away. All in favor.

GIFT. Samuel Eveleth Pictures. Motion made and seconded to accept on behalf of the Town and the Historical Commission a CD recording of pictures taken by Dr. Samuel Eveleth during the early 1930's and to send a letter of thanks to his family. All in favor.

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

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All in favor.

Kyle Wiley
Administrative Aide