

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES**

January 24, 2007

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

Present (constituting a quorum):

Harry C. Christensen, Jr.
Jackie Belf-Becker
Judith R. Jacobi
James E. Nye
Jeffrey N. Shribman, Chairman

Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator.

MINUTES. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 10, 2007.
All in favor.

ANCHOR TO WINDWARD. Executive Director Pamela Foye was present to announce the opening of the North Shore's newest private social center and clubhouse serving those with social and developmental special needs. There center is located at 600 Loring Avenue (at Vinnin Square), Salem.

PERMISSION. Use of Abbot Hall. Motion made and seconded to grant the following request:

December 8, during the hours of 1:30 to 11:30 pm – Jodi Vigneron, Holiday Pops Co-Chair for the 10th Annual Holiday Pops Concert. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Sandwich Boards. Motion made and seconded to approve the following requests subject to the rules and regulations:

February 5 to 12 - CarolAnn Price, Team Up at Pleasant and Essex, Tedesco and Humphrey and Atlantic at Seaview; and

February 5 to 12 – Peggy Wyman, Marblehead Little Theatre at Lafayette and Maple; Lafayette and Humphrey; Pleasant and Essex, Beach and Ocean and Atlantic at Seaview

February 26 to March 5 – Delia Barrett, Team Up at Pleasant and Essex, Tedesco and Humphrey and Beach and Ocean. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Use of Abbot Hall. Motion made and seconded to grant the following request:

May 24 during the hours of 5 pm to 8 pm- Tanya Nye, 2007 Girl Scout Bridging Chairperson for a Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony. All in favor.

PROCLAMATION. Holocaust Week. Request from Robert McAndrews, PhD, President of the Holocaust Center, Peabody, MA to proclaim the week of April 15 “Holocaust Week”. Motion made and seconded to support the proclamation and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the board. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Dumpster. Franklin Street. Request from Jim Laverdiere, 22 Franklin Street to place a dumpster in front of his residence during the weeks of February 16 to March 2. Motion made and seconded to table. All in favor. Anthony M. Sasso, Town Administrator was asked to contact Mr. Laverdiere to discuss alternatives for placing the dumpster.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Appointments. Request from Police Chief Carney for authorization from the Commonwealth’s Human Resource Division a certification roster for the appointment of two full-time permanent police officers from the town’s existing permanent intermittent reserve officer list. This request is to fill two police officer positions vacated by Kenneth Nickerson and Henry Currier who recently retired. Motion made and seconded to authorize. All in favor.

PROCLAMATION. Police Chief. Motion made and seconded to proclaim the third day of February, 2007 “James R. Carney Day” in recognition of his thirty-four years of service to the Town of Marblehead, excellence in leadership and decision to retire from the police force in 2007. All in favor.

PERMISSION. Bike Race. Request from Geoff Hamilton, on behalf of the CCB Cycling Club to host its annual bike race on Sunday April 1, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. around Marblehead Neck. Motion made and seconded to approve subject to all necessary requirements, receipt of proof of insurance, police department approval and that no permanent markings be made on the streets. All in favor.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Signage. Maple, Tedesco and Humphrey (“Bailey Square”) Edward Principe, chairman of the Traffic and Safety Committee and Lt. Dave Millett, committee member were present in connection with its report on the results of traffic activity and enforcement subsequent to signage approved at the selectmen’s meeting of November 29, 2006 to wit:

“No Turn on Red” during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days for a trial period of sixty (60) days.

The committee members recommended the following:

“No Turn on Red” during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days for a for a trial period of ninety (90) days.

The following people spoke in opposition of this recommendation: Byron Rizzo, Ralph Rd; Derek Norcross, Longview Road; Jonathan Lederman, Ida Road and Mary Devlin, Glover School principal.

Motion made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the committee members. Two in favor. Three opposed.

Motion made and seconded to impose a regulation as follows:

“No Turn on Red” during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days, larger signage to be displayed and located in appropriate places as directed by the members of the Traffic and Safety Committee. Three in favor. Two opposed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Retirements. Transfers. Resignations. Letter from Fire Chief Barry Dixey announcing the following changes to staffing at the fire department: Retirement of Captain Willis Iannarelli and Firefighter John Hinch; transfer of Captain Kyle Hood to the Cambridge Fire Department and the resignation of Firefighter Ronald Petrucci.

APPOINTMENT. 2010 Federal Census Liaison. Letter from William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth requesting that the board designate a local census liaison to work with representatives from his office in assuring an accurate population count for the Town of Marblehead. An accurate population count is vital for Massachusetts to insure that we receive a much needed share of federal dollars and retain congressional representation. Motion made and seconded to appoint Town Clerk Thomas McNulty to be the liaison. All in favor.

REMINDER. Real Estate Tax Payment. Third Quarter Tax is due February 1. Postmarks are not accepted. Payment must be received in the Collector’s Office on or before Thursday, February 1.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. Volunteers Sought. Letter from Carl Goodman, chair of the Marblehead Board of Health, requesting the participation of local volunteers (medical and non-medical) in becoming prepared to meet the health and safety requirements of our community in the event of a pandemic flu or other emergency.

Access to volunteer registration is available online at www.nscalert.org or by calling the Board of Health at 781 631 0212.

COMMUNITY GOLF DAY. Tedesco Golf Club. In the past the golf day has been a vehicle for raising funds for worthy causes. This year's day is set for May 14, 2007. Ideas for fundraising are sought for this year's event.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. Brook Road and Ware Lane. Request from Glover/Eveleth Site Based Management Team members that certain restrictions be instituted at Brook Road and Ware Lane to alleviate current traffic and safety problems at the Eveleth School. Motion made and seconded to forward the request to the Traffic and Safety Committee for consideration. All in favor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Police Chief Interim Appointment. Police Chief Carney was present to recommend that the selectmen appoint Captain Robert Coyne as the acting police chief effective upon his retirement. Motion made and seconded to appoint, effective February 4, 2007 Captain Coyne as acting chief pursuant to MA General Laws Chapter 31 until such time a new chief is appointed. All in favor.

Chief Carney also recommended that the appointment of Captain Coyne be at grade 57/step 5. Board took no action. Therefore, Captain Coyne's salary will be set consistent with town by-law.

Captain Coyne also announced that upon the appointment of the new police chief he plans to retire.

Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss 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. Nye, in favor; Mrs. Belf-Becker, in favor; Mrs. Jacobi, in favor; Mr. Shribman, in favor and Mr. Christensen, in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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